

MADISON COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION AT WALNUT

Beginning Saturday night, July 24, and continuing through Sunday night, July 25 the Madison County Sunday School Convention was held at the Presbyterian Church, Walnut, N. C. Pastors, superintendents, teachers and officers of all Sunday Schools of all denominations in the county were invited to attend the sessions of the convention.

The program was carried out as printed with a few additional numbers. Rev. B. E. Guthrie of Walnut conducted the devotional exercises Saturday night, Rev. J. F. Ballard Sunday morning, Rev. James L. Hyde Sunday afternoon and Rev. Wesley Hyde Sunday night. Two duets Sunday were rendered by Mrs. Charles Burgin and Mrs. W. T. Davis of Hot Springs. Mr. J. Coleman Ramsey of Marshall was reelected County President. Mr. A. W. Whitehurst was elected vice-president and Miss Della Huggins was elected secretary. Miss Daisy Magee and Rev. Geo. A. Joplin were fine in discussing various phases of Sunday School Work. Rev. Mr. Joplin was the one who ordained the late Rev. J. N. Andre.

SCHOOL NEWS

By Superintendent O. S. DILLARD

Most all the short term schools and the small schools of the county will open Monday, August 2nd. There are three or four school districts in which buildings are being erected that will not open until about the first of September. None of the high schools of the county will open until the first of September.

For the first time in the history of the county all teachers employed will hold standard certificates. By standard certificates, we mean the elementary B certificates or graduation from a standard high school with the required summer school work.

There are one hundred and fifty white teachers employed besides three colored. This is an increase of two over last year. There will be sixty-one schools taught this year, or two less than last year. Next year, this number can be decreased to approximately 50 under the present plans of the board.

We wish to urge upon all the necessity of keeping the children in school. Last year our attendance increased about 200 over the preceding year, but we are yet a great deal behind the state in the average daily attendance of pupils. The compulsory school law will be enforced more closely than it was last, as the enforcement of this law gets better year by year.

I wish to call the attention of all parents to a section of law that is applicable to Madison County relative to children between the ages of 14 and sixteen. Unless a child is regularly employed between these ages, the compulsory law will be enforced to the age of sixteen. There are a great many children between these ages that are not in school or do not attend regularly, and are not employed at any useful work. Therefore it shall be the purpose of the Board of

Education, to see that these children are in school.

All teachers are required to report to this office weekly all absences for the preceding week. I hope that the parents will cooperate with the teachers in keeping the children in school so that they will not have to report any unlawful absences. If a child is absent any day from school it is the duty of the parent to render to his teacher as soon as possible the reason for such absence. Failure to do so will perhaps cause embarrassment and trouble.

We are hoping to make this the best year of schools in the history of the county, and I wish to ask the hearty cooperation of all parties to that end.

From week to week we will now try to give to the papers our regular contribution of "School News."

GENERAL TEACHERS' MEETING IN MARSHALL JULY 31

The meeting of the teachers for the short term schools beginning August 2 will be held at the courthouse in Marshall Saturday, July 31, beginning promptly at 10:00 o'clock.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss plans for the year and distribute school supplies.

Southern to Complete Block Signal System, Queen to Crescent City

Cincinnati, Ohio, July.—Installation of electric automatic signals has been started by the Southern System on seventy-two miles of track between Meridian and New Orleans, which, when completed, will give the Southern continuous automatic signal protection on the line between Cincinnati and New Orleans, 336 miles, and on the line between Washington and New Orleans, via Atlanta and Birmingham, 1,160 miles.

The gaps in the signal system between Meridian and New Orleans which are now to be filled are between Meridian and Ellisville, sixty-four miles, and between Eastabouche and Hattiesburg, eight miles. The installation will require 135 three position upper quadrant signals, the same type now in use on the other portions of the Cincinnati-New Orleans line.

During 1924 the Southern installed the three position signals on 216 miles of track between Cincinnati and New Orleans, releasing signals of older types.

TOWN THAT PRINTERS DON'T LIKE

Printers on New York newspapers were disconcerted the other day by the arrival of a steamship passenger who gave her home address as "Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogach." There is such a place, although practical map makers label it briefly, "Llanfairpwllgwyngyll," or even merely "Llanfair F. G." The 59-letter title is its unbridled honest-to-God name, means, "Church by St. Mary in a hollow of white hazel near to a rapid whirlpool and to St. Tysilio's church, near to a red cave." This is the Welsh way of naming places and accounts for those unpronounceable names you will find on all maps of Wales.—Capper's Weekly.

Seven club members of Henderson County sold \$58.57 worth of produce from their club garden at the Hendersonville Club garden in recent weeks.

PRAYER

By EDGAR A. GUEST

I would not pray for gifts or common things,
For fortune's smile or even victory sweet;
I would not ask that I be spared the stings
And cares of life which every man must meet.

I would not pray to be relieved from wrong
However keen its pain, but I would ask
When comes the test, that God shall make me strong
And grant me courage to complete my task.

Grant me the faith to trust and still keep on
Despite the darkness and the fearful doubt;
To bear life's bitterness, but when 'tis gone
To keep no bitter memories about.

This I would ask: Not that I shall be spared
Trials of disappointment, loss or pain,
But that my soul with courage be prepared
To meet the conflict and to stand the strain.

PASTORS CONFERENCE AT MARS HILL MONDAY

A meeting of the pastors of the French Broad Association was held at Mars Hill Monday. A general discussion of problems pertaining to the work of the French Broad Association took place which proved to be one of the most interesting meetings ever held in this capacity. It was well attended. The regular time of this conference will be Monday following the fourth Sunday in every month.

It's time now to cull the poultry flocks and to sell or kill the non-producing hens before winter, advise poultry specialists.

The boll weevil is beginning his activities. Farmers in eastern Carolina are finding punctured squares in nearly every cotton field.

Fresh country eggs will not be true to name unless the rooster is removed from the flock and the eggs gathered frequently and kept in a cool place.

NORTH CAROLINA SETS THE PACE

(Taken from THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE)

In all annals of material development and industrial and economic progress there is no record of any achievement which surpasses that of North Carolina.

That state has less than one-fifth the area and but little, if any, more than half the population of Texas.

Ten Texas counties can be named in which there is more rich land than there is in the whole state of North Carolina.

Even if calculated on the basis of proportionate area, there is far more timber suitable for manufacturing purposes in Texas than there is in the Old North State.

Texas produces four times as much cotton as does North Carolina.

Having set forth these indisputable statistics, it is logically in order to inquire what measure of progress that state has made.

Her taxable values are as great as those of Texas. She has multiplied her total wealth ten times in twenty years. In the same length of time the value of school buildings increased from \$1,000,000 to \$48,000,000. She has spent for her system of highways \$100,000,000, with the result that there is not a farmer in the whole state who is more than five miles from a road equal to Main Street in Houston.

In 1924 she paid more federal taxes than any other state in the Union, except New York and Pennsylvania.

There are nearly as many people in Chicago as there are in the whole state of North Carolina, yet the latter state pays more federal taxes than does the whole state of Illinois, with nearly 7,000,000 population.

She very nearly approximates to Massachusetts in the weaving of textiles and is a close "runner up" of Michigan in the manufacture of furniture.

In 1910 she had 83 furniture factories, with an annual output of \$11,282,000, and in 1922 her furniture factories had increased to 107, and the output to over \$30,000,000.

There must be a reason for such progress. There must be some explanation why North Carolina has so far surpassed Texas.

Is it because we have not so legislated as to attract capital? Have we used the taxing power to the point of oppression? Have we failed to offer attractions to manufacturers?

Are we responsible for the fact that one small county in North Carolina has three times as many cotton mills as there are in Texas?

Has the color and tone of our legislation been such as to warrant the conclusion that Texas is inimical to capital? Have we by niggardly appropriations so hampered the activities of our university as to create the impression that the people of Texas are opposed to higher education, while North Carolina appropriated at one time a million dollars for new buildings for her university?

When the "Six Hundred" rode to an immortality of fame at Balaklava and returned from the heroic but fruitless charge, an officer who witnessed it said, "Somebody has blundered."

When we compare the results in a state like North Carolina, which was ravaged and desolated by war, with a state like Texas, the soil of which no invading foe ever pressed except as a prisoner, we can only explain by saying, "Somebody has blundered."

Who was it and when? When we can answer that query we will know how to achieve what North Carolina has achieved.

In the recent past The Chronicle called editorial attention to Florida legislators, which state, with no income tax or inheritance tax or corporation tax, and with a levy on only about one fifth of her taxable values, does not owe a dollar and has \$12,000,000 in her treasury.

It would be time well spent for prospective Texas legislators to investigate the reasons why North Carolina and Florida have attained their enviable condition.

SPLENDID SESSION OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF THE FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION

FROM WALNUT

Miss Florence and Miss Helen Hyde returned Wednesday from a two month visit with relatives in Pennsylvania. They were accompanied home by Mr. Hyde's sister.

A large party of young folks staged a big surprise party on Edward Lock at the Hotel Switzerland Tuesday evening. The evening was spent in playing games.

Miss Frances Baxter of Bradenton, Florida, arrived Tuesday and will be the guest of Hotel Switzerland for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Turner and Miss Louise Turner of Tampa, Florida, who have been stopping at Hotel Switzerland for some time, left last Friday for a few days visit with friends in Waynesville before returning to their home in Florida.

Miss Lula Chandler has resigned her position in Marshall and will take a few weeks rest at home before school starts.

Miss Eva Buckner is spending a few days in Lynchburg, Va., visiting her sister, Miss Lillie Drumheller, who is taking the nurses' training course at Marshall Lodge Memorial Hospital. S. E. Fraeborn of Asheville was in town Tuesday for a short while, transacting business.

Miss Margaret Haynie is spending the week in Walnut visiting friends. It seems good to have Margaret with us again, and we wish she could stay always, don't we Tom?

Mrs. B. T. Taylor is expecting a visit from her sister, Mrs. G. W. Smith of Jacksonville, N. C., who will arrive Sunday for a stay of several weeks.

The Sunday School held at the Presbyterian church Sunday was largely attended and was one of the most successful ever held in the County.

A number of young folks gave a surprise birthday party for Ernest Plazmona Monday night at his home on Bernard Ave. When the guests arrived it was found that Ernest was not at home but after some search he was located and escorted home by a number of the boys, and the evening was pleasantly spent playing games. Ernest was seventeen years old Monday.

Work is progressing nicely on the new bungalow of Mr. Sherman Ramsey in Ramsey Heights, and when completed will be one of the handsomest residences in Walnut, and is located on one of the prettiest building spots in this section.

Mr. Moody Brigmon is also rushing to completion his bungalow on Bernard Ave., which has been rented to Mr. A. W. Plazmona.

Arthur Allen was thirteen years old Tuesday and says he feels about twice as old as he did this time last year. Arthur is beginning to feel the weight of years resting heavy on his shoulders. All his many friends join in wishing his many more happy returns of the day.

Jonas H. Chandler is the proud possessor of a brand new, late model bicycle with coaster brake and everything. Jonas says he can outrun anything in the County and if anybody doubts it just let them come over and try him out.

L. R. Rector and Co. are putting on a big closing out sale at their store on Main Street and are selling everything at practically cost. This is a good opportunity to get merchandise at a bargain.

Jim Roberts is working in a logging camp near Waynesville this week.

Mrs. Douglas Tweed and two daughters of Marshall were visiting Mrs. Baxter Guthrie Wednesday. Miss Nettie Tweed will be a member of the Walnut School faculty this year.

Mr. E. E. Lock and Mrs. Grace Lock were in Asheville on business Tuesday, returning by way of the new Spring Creek road to Hot Springs.

Miss Julia Dickenson of Tampa, Florida is expected next Tuesday for a couple of weeks stay at Hotel Switzerland.

Mr. Luther Wardrop has rented the Baker house on Church Street, opposite the High School Building, and will move in as soon as some needed repairs have been made. This property was recently purchased by the Walnut School District and makes a nice addition to the school property as it furnishes a splendid site for a new school building which the district will be forced to build within a very short time. The trustees are to be congratulated on their foresight in securing this property while it was available.

Mrs. Winston Cook, nee Miss Lucy Howell, spent several days with Mrs. Dan Haynie in Asheville this week.

Miss Pansy Chandler, Miss Margaret Haynie and Mr. Edward Lock drove to Marshall Monday morning.

Miss Marion Odum of Greenville, S. C., is visiting Miss Frances McDewitt this week.

Mr. Dan T. Haynie is building a handsome new residence on Beverly Road, West Asheville, where he will move with his family as soon as completed.

Mrs. Floyd McDewitt and family and Otto McDewitt drove to Asheville to visit Mr. Floyd McDewitt, who has been in the hospital for several

The Baptist Sunday School Convention of the French Broad Association held with California Baptist church July 24 and 25, resulted in fine speaking, fine reports and fine dinner. Mr. L. J. Ammons of Mars Hill was reelected moderator and Mr. Fred Jervis of Mars Hill secretary. Summary of the work of the year was discussed by R. L. Moore of Mars Hill College, followed by Dr. A. C. Hamby. The Sunday School and community morals by Robert Tweed. Reaching our possibilities by Rev. L. C. Roberts. Magnifying the Country Sunday Schools by Rev. Phil Elliott. Dinner was served on the ground at 12:00.

In the afternoon, The S. S. under church control was discussed by Rev. Mr. Hartsell. Building the S. S., discussed by Frank Clark. Grading the S. S., by Rev. Mr. Hunter. Using Baptist Literature by Rev. J. R. Owens. Using the Bible by Rev. S. M. Stroupe. Reaching the Lost was discussed by Miss Della Huggins. Holding Regular Worker's Meetings, discussed by Ezra Burnett. Training teachers and officers by Rev. H. L. Smith. Fostering Denominational Work by N. S. Whitaker.

On Sunday, July 25, discussions were as follows: Teaching the S. S. Lesson, "The Passover," by Rev. Mr. Hartsell. How to make a S. S. grow and go, by Dr. Jas. Hutchins, followed by an address by Secretary J. N. Barnette.

weeks with a broken ankle. Mr. McDewitt hopes to be able to come home soon.

A party of young folks are going on a Bandanna Picnic tonight. The requirements are that every girl shall wear a dress made of Bandanna handkerchiefs and every boy is to wear a shirt made of bandannas. The crowd will take bathing suits and take a dip in Laurel River before supper.

FROM HOT SPRINGS

Mr. and Mrs. L. Jared and son George have returned home from Tenn., where they spent their vacation.

Mrs. Ellerson motored to Spartanburg, S. C., last Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Brown spent Thursday in Knox, Tenn.

Mr. Albert Brown of Fonde, Ky., spent the week-end with parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Brown.

Mr. Ellerson has returned from a trip to Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. D. M. Cody from Winston-Salem, N. C., spent Thursday with his aunt, Mrs. Joe Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brooks and son Billy spent the week-end with Miss Mary Robinson.

The Baptist church held their Sunday school picnic Sunday at _____, and several trucks of people attended and had a very enjoyable day.

Mr. Bony Brooks of Knoxville, Tenn., stopped Monday to visit his cousin, Mr. Joe Brooks.

Mrs. R. A. Ruffy is spending the week with his daughter Mrs. Rhyne in Newport, Tenn.

We are very sorry to report the loss of O. S. Treadway's home by fire at Faint Rock Thursday night. The building and its contents were a total loss. The family and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Landers who was spending the night with them, were escaped. But thru the generosity of the good people of Hot Springs and the surrounding community they were placed back to housekeeping on Saturday.

The body of Uncle Alec Woody came in from Marion, N. C., Thursday evening on train No. 11, and he was buried at Optinger Chapel cemetery at 4 P. M., Rev. P. T. McFee officiating. Uncle Alec was a typical mountaineer and numbered his friends by the hundreds, who will regret to hear of his death.

E. W. GROVE AT HOT SPRINGS

We see from Thursday's Asheville Times that Mr. E. W. Grove visited Hot Springs that day. We trust this means something for Hot Springs in particular and Madison County in general in a material sense.

NOTICE!

There will be a box, ice cream and cake supper at Fairview Church, Saturday night, August 7th, 1926.

The purpose of this supper is to raise money to help pay for heating and seating church. There will be good music.

Everybody invited and everybody welcome. Don't miss the supper. Don't forget the time and place. FAIRVIEW, at the Highway, SAT. NIGHT, AUGUST 7TH, 1926.