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S. S. CONVENTION IN BURLINGTON IN APRIL 1927

According to action taken by the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Sunday School Association at its semi-annual meeting in Greensboro a few days ago, the 1927 session of the State Sunday School Convention will be held in Burlington on April 26, 27, 28. The convention in Burlington was extended by a joint meeting of pastors and Sunday School superintendents of that city, and was concurred in by the Burlington Ministerial Association, the Alamance County Sunday School Association, and the Kiwanis and Rotary organizations. The following sub-committee from the State Executive Committee, D. W. Sims, Raleigh, Chairman; J. B. Ivey, Charlotte; L. W. Clark, Spray; S. B. Crow, Raleigh; T. W. Costen, Gatesville; John B. Wright, Raleigh; C. M. Van Poole, Salisbury; Thos. P. Pruitt, Hickory.

In reviewing the work of the North Carolina Sunday School Association for the past six months, the Executive Committee found that unprecedented progress had been made. In the six months eighty-two County Sunday School Conventions were held in which 1,272 Sunday Schools were represented by 336 pastors, 623 superintendents, and 2,694 teachers. The total attendance at these conventions was estimated at more than 20,000 people. The reports showed that with few exceptions there was noticeable increase in interest and enthusiasm in the conventions this year over last year, which seemed to indicate that the kind of work being done by the North Carolina Sunday School Association is constantly growing in favor with the Sunday School people throughout the State. The North Carolina Sunday School Association furnished two speakers for each of the eighty-two County Conventions. The records also showed that in the past six months 209 township conventions and institutes were held by the County Sunday School Association officers, without help from the State Association other than suggestions for programs and plans for advertising. The State Executive Committee felt that this great band of volunteer workers was one of the most important assets of the work of the State Sunday School Association.

The following facts were taken from several county reports to illustrate how many County and Township Sunday School Association officers are pushing the work: In Randolph County the officers of the County Association during the past year wrote 1505 letters, visited 121 Sunday Schools, held conferences with 166 individual Sunday School workers, made 134 addresses in conventions and institutes and traveled 3,929 mi. At this county convention 78 Sunday Schools were represented by 8 pastors, 47 superintendents, and 199 teachers and officers, the total registration being 713 with probably 300 people attending who did not register. The report from Hyde County showed that more than 400 people attended the county convention, practically every Sunday School in the county being represented. This county was organized a little more than a year ago, and at this time all townships except one are organized and holding conventions and institutes. At the Gaston County Convention representatives were present from all parts of the county, all townships being represented. About 350 people attended, among them were 8 pastors, 14 superintendents and 75 teachers.

Every pastor and practically all superintendents attended the Gates County Convention held recently, and the total attendance at the meeting was more than 700 people. The report from Rowan County showed that more than 62 per cent of the white population is enrolled in the Sunday Schools, the report from one township showing an enrollment of 97 per cent.

Thirteen County Sunday School Conventions will be held in the month of October, and the reports showed that plans were already made for holding city institutes in Statesville, Lexington, Thomasville, Monroe, and Wadesboro in November. In December, January, February, March, institutes will be held in all of the larger cities of the State as has been done in previous years.

THANKSGIVING TURKEYS TO BE HIGHER

Thanksgiving turkey eating will be somewhat more costly this year than in the past two years, according to a holiday prediction made by the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. The turkey crop is not large as it was last year or the year before, and a prediction of 45 to 45 cents a pound for this year's Thanksgiving turkey is not considered pessimistic.

The cool weather this fall has been favorable "turkey weather." So long as the days and the nights are comparatively warm, turkeys continue to roam the country and fail to put on flesh. When the temperature falls, they are content to cease wandering

REFLECTIONS OF A MOUNTAIN SCHOOL TEACHER

(By JACK V. JOYCE)

At this season of the year, it seems as if one holiday follows on the heels of another. First, we have Armistice Day, then Thanksgiving Day, then we have Christmas Day and finally New Year's Day. All great days alright. I wonder sometimes why Congress could not get together and put Thanksgiving Day and Armistice Day all together and call it Woodrow Wilson Day. Armistice day seems to me should be celebrated as a Thanksgiving Day anyhow. Why not start the ball rolling that way News-Record.

Well, Thanksgiving Day is almost near at hand. I wonder if Governor Bradford would be able to see the spirit with which we celebrate that day I wonder if he could still recognize that this was the same anniversary which he started so many years ago when he was Governor of the then little colony of Massachusetts. Are we still observing the same spirit on this day as the early Puritans did? I believe we have wandered far away. Most of us think of the big turkey dinner and the pumpkin pies we are going to have on that day. Whereas, we seldom give a thought about offering up thanks to God for His goodness. Look over the past year. What do we here in Madison County have to be thankful for? Everywhere I have been lately I have heard the same thing. We have had the best crops this year that we have had in years. Is not that alone enough to be thankful for anyhow? We have not been visited by any hurricane as some parts of the country have. Surely, let us then thank God for that. We have to a certain measure, been spared from any serious epidemic like some of the country has. Another thing to be thankful for, and I could go on enumerating our blessings if I had the space and time. How many communities in Madison County are going to a church service as the Puritans did of old? Why not have a service in every community in this county?

I have been noticing Madison County's Farm Agent and his motto of "FIVE CRACKING GOOD COWS AND 100 CRACKING GOOD HENS." I have been thinking about this and wonder if Mr. Agent would change one word if it would not be better. Why not substitute the word "cackling" good hens for "cracking" good hens? Thus it would read, "FIVE CRACKING GOOD COWS AND 100 CACKLING GOOD HENS. If they were cackling good hens they would surely be laying hens. Please, Mr. Agent, don't take me to be meddling in your business. This is just a suggestion. I enjoy reading your articles immensely, if I am only a school teacher.

off, and settle down to grain feeding which rapidly adds pounds of turkey meat. The crop generally is further advanced than at this time in several years, and reports from the county consistently tell of the high quality of the turkeys. In Texas, which is the big early state for turkeys, the crop is believed to exceed last year when many young poult were lost during the hot summer. Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Ohio are expected to have fewer turkeys for market this season while the other states report flocks of about the same size last year.

Stocks of turkeys in storage are less than half as large as at this time a year ago and 40 per cent below the five-year average. Reserves of frozen turkeys, therefore, will be less of a market factor this season than last. Holding of chickens and fowls are five million pounds larger than a year ago and ten million pounds larger than the five-year average, however, offsetting to some degree the decline in turkeys.

SHELTON-TWEED BUILDING TO BE ENLARGED

The building now being used by the firm of Shelton-Tweed will be enlarged soon, according to a statement by Mr. E. R. Tweed, a member of the firm. Mr. Tweed stated that the work would start about the first of the year and would cost close to \$7,000.00. The building when enlarged will cover the site now occupied by Mr. C. W. Ferguson, for his grocery business.



THE VALUE OF KINDNESS

L. M. WESTON

One windy afternoon, a woman, with her two children, sat in a light buggy in front of the village store, waiting for her husband to make some purchases. The horse usually, stood without hitching, and although the woman held the reins, she did not know how to drive, and had no idea the horse would move until her husband told him to go.

Suddenly the wind blew a newspaper along the road and frightened the animal, and he started to run. One or two men grasped the situation, rushed up and snatched at the bridle, but the big, powerful beast shook them off in a twinkling and increased his speed.

Although terrified, the wo-

man still, held the reins and ed uplaphs rd etaoetdtonee. pulled as hard as she could, but the hard puny strength had no effect upon the hard mouth of the horse. Finally it occurred to her to speak to him. Although she did not drive, she was very fond of horses and had often fed and watered this one. "Who-a John," she called in a trembling voice. The effect was magical. The animal slowed down immediately. He associated that voice with kindness, knew its owner could be trusted, and when she spoke again, he stopped.

"Just the art of being kind is all this sad world needs," sang Ella Wheeler Wilcox, but alas! sometimes it appears to be a lost art, although there is no limit to its power. Abraham Lincoln probably owed his elevation to the presidency

of the United States to the fact that he was a past master in the art of being kind and so won the allegiance of his fellow-men. Kindness, when unalloyed by fear or self seeking, is a godlike attribute, and, consciously or unconsciously, is recognized as such throughout the universe.

WHY DON'T WE HELP

Florence Jones Hadley

I sat at my window one cold winter day watching a flock of tiny brown birds hunting their dinner—or very likely it was breakfast—for food was pretty scarce then.

The little fellows flew from one tall weed to another, from one bush to another, hunting for some tiny seed or dry red berry that might have been left from some former breakfasts.

Sometimes a berry was found dropped in the snow, and it was greedily picked up, and I shivered as I thought of the icy morsel going down the warm little throats. My own breakfast had been warm, still I grumbled a bit because the coffee was not quite hot enough. But the tiny feathered luncher never grumbled—just twittered his thanks for every seed, every berry found.

At last there seemed to be not a seed or berry left, and away they all flew to see what could be found elsewhere. Such a scanty meal divided among so many was not very satisfying, you know.

I left a throb of pity as I watched them in their search, then something said to me, "Why didn't you help them instead of waisting your time pitying them? Why didn't you?"

"Help them? But what can I do to help?" was my first thought. Then I knew. I decided that every day I would save the crumbs that always gathered on the table and dishes—every meat scrap, everything that a bird can eat with a relish.

This I did, and with it I served a nice piece of suet for dessert, hanging it by a stout string to a limb of a tree near by. Another day I hung a small bone with a good serving of meat on it, and it is a question as to whether the birds that found it or I who had given it to them, enjoyed it the most.

Such a twittering, such a scrambling from one side to the other as there was! I wished with all my heart that I could understand bird language so I could know just what they were saying. From crumbs to meat, from meat to crumbs they flew, until at last the meal was consumed and away they flew with happy twitters.

The next morning there was a surprise for me. For there were not only the birds who came for breakfast yesterday, but nearly as many again, and as I watched, they still came

from all directions. I almost held my breath in amazement.

Where did the others come from? How did they know about the food put out for them? Surely, surely there must have been some way of communication between them, for it just did not happen, but how can they tell one another of such things?

Well, I really got myself into deep waters for as I increased my food allowance, just so often did the little diners come for it. And sometimes it puzzled me how to feed so many, but at last I dipped down into my corn chops, my kaffir corn, which they seemed to like very much, and more bones had to be kept ready. And now I know what I am going to do next year.

I am going to save all the melon seeds that we have, dry them thoroughly and put them away for the birds' dinners and breakfasts. Many kinds of seeds can be used this way.

Let's all do it. Let's all save seeds, crumbs, scraps of bread, meat, from our tables, and scatter them, like seeds of kindness, where they will do good. I am going to—will you?

THE MORAL OF THE STORY

Mr. Noah Hollowell, publisher of Hendersonville News, tells this story in his editorial columns:

"We recently dropped into a store in Moristown, Tenn., for an article of merchandise. The store could not furnish it, but the salesman was kind enough to name the store and show us the direction and designate the block where such article could be found. He could have dismissed his prospective customer by saying in an empty tone: 'Sorry, but we don't have it.' This lone merchandise transaction impressed us with the fact that Moristown had a business soul with a lofty principle."

There is a moral in that recital for all of Western North Carolina. It is that cooperation builds business by creating admiration and good will. One salesman in Moristown, by cooperating with a visitor to his store and with an associate in business, convinced the visitor that Moristown was a good town. And in doing that he made the visitor a probable customer of the store in the future.

That is the spirit which should prevail between every merchant and business man in Asheville and between all the towns in Western North Carolina. Such a spirit has grown in this section enormously within the past few years. We have learned that they are created by co-operation by thoughtfulness of one another.

Strangers are drawn to a section whose people work for their community as well as for themselves. They are delighted by the absence of the dog-in-the-mange attitude. They applaud and patronize the merchant who, in plying his own trade, cooperates with other merchants. They are won by the spirit of a town which instead of knocking, tells the attractions and advantages of neighboring towns. Moreover, such spirit in a section inspires all its people to better work. Confidence and mutual esteem are the great foundation stones of all success.

LYCEUM DATE CHANGED

We have been requested to announce that the date of the presentation of the Lockman-Duo Mystery has been changed from Saturday, November 27 to Friday, November 26. This Lyceum number will be presented by the Piedmont Bureau of Asheville in the new High School building on the island. Season tickets are only 75c and \$1.00. Buy a season ticket and save money.

By selling milk to an ice-cream plant in Greensboro, one farmer in Guilford County cleared \$96 last June from five cows, \$104 in July from six cows and \$108 in August. He says such net profit is better than growing cotton and tobacco.

DANCE

Thanksgiving Eve

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