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S. S. CONVENTION AT CONCORD IN APRIL

Five of the nation's greatest Sunday School leaders will speak at the Annual State Sunday School Convention in Concord on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 10, 11 and 12, according to announcement made by D. W. Sims, of Raleigh, General Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association. The opening address of the Convention on Tuesday night, April 10, will be given by Dr. Edmund D. Soper, Durham, Dean of the School of Religion of Duke University, who has an international reputation as a religious leader.

Speakers and instructors from outside the State will be Dr. Charles P. Wiles, Philadelphia, Pa., of the Department of Sunday School Publications of the United Lutheran Church; Miss Bable Lee Cooper, New York, Field Worker and Director of Teacher Training for the Department of Religious Education of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church; Dr. Wade Crawford Barclay, Chicago, Ill., Executive Secretary of the Committee on Religious Education in Foreign Fields of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Finn, Philadelphia, Director of Young People's work for the Northern Baptist Sunday School Board.

The Committee in charge of the program announces that there will be general sessions of the convention mornings and evenings when topics of interest to all Sunday School workers will be discussed, and that the afternoons will be given over to departmental conferences, making it possible for workers in the different departments of the Sunday School to get specific help on their problems. The program committee is composed of J. B. Ivey, Charlotte; L. W. Spray, E. B. Crow, Raleigh; T. W. Costen, Gatesville; John B. Wright, Raleigh; C. M. VanPoole, Salisbury; Thomas P. Pruitt, Hickory; and D. W. Sims of Raleigh.

Concord's part in taking care of the convention is in the hands of the men which were appointed last October in a meeting of pastors, superintendents, and other leaders in Concord: J. J. Barnhardt, General Chairman; F. C. Niblock, Chairman Entertainment Committee; J. E. Davis, Chairman Hall Committee; Rev. I. Harding Hughes, Chairman of the local publicity committee; F. H. Aden, Chairman of Finance Committee. Through this committee it has been announced that all delegates to the convention will be entertained free for lodging and breakfast in the homes of the Concord people.

MARS HILL MALE QUARTETTE DOING FINE SINGING

Radio listeners-in were pleased to hear from Station WUNC at Asheville the male quartette of Mars Hill College Tuesday evening. These young men directed by Prof. T. H. Farr have sung twice in Marshall, singing last Wednesday night for prayer service. The regular quartette is composed of Messrs. J. K. Blackburn, O. H. Forehand, William Hughes, and Edward Harrell. Mr. Poole of Mars Hill substituted Wednesday evening very successfully as second bass in the absence of the regular second bass.

DORLAND-BELL SCHOOL

Inasmuch as Dorland-Bell School, Hot Springs, N. C., is adding a Ninth Grade next year, there will be fewer vacancies than usual. Hence people desiring to enter their girls in this School should get their applications in early. Applications are already coming in for the next school year.

SINGING CONVENTION

The Madison County Singing Convention will be held in Marshall the fourth Sunday. Get your voices ready.

WEAVERVILLE

The Carolina Power and Light Company have recently extended their lines through Weaverville to the Forks of Ivy and to Democrat, making an approximate distance of four-tenths miles. They have also sent a solicitor up Reems Creep to and beyond Hemphill and toward the foot of Craggy for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not a line in that direction would be justified by the demand for light service. It is felt by the people of the community that the availability of this service will be a great factor in developing this part of the country. For the further convenience of the light patrons of Weaverville and vicinity, a branch office of the Power and Light Company, with lineman and trouble service, has been opened on Main Street of the town.

A meeting of the Union Bible Class of which Mrs. C. G. Blankenship is teacher was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church Tuesday afternoon. The lesson was taken from Genesis, chapters 24 to 50 after which the class will take up the study of Exodus. Eighty-one women are enrolled in the class.

The Club for Mutual Improvement met at the home of Mrs. J. V. Erskine Wednesday afternoon. The subject of club's work for the year "Women's Work in All Times," was taken up by Mrs. W. W. Shope with the particular topic, "Women on the Stage." Mrs. Shope used Bernhardt, Dux, Ellen Terry, Julia Marlowe, Minnie Maddern Fiske, Maude Adams as types of woman's stage work. Mrs. C. N. Sprinkle gave a resume of the high lights of the governmental administrations and policies through the administrations of Washington to McKinley. This type of subject will also have its place on the club's programs throughout the year.

The Lina Brown Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Fred Brown Thursday afternoon, with Miss Edith Orr as leader. The regular program of the society was carried out with the addition of a fine talk by Miss Weaver on "Christ as Our Ideal."

At Skinner Hall, Weaver College, eight o'clock Friday evening a grand Carnival for the purpose of raising additional funds to refurbish the living room of the Girl's Dormitory will be held. Fortune, side shows, games of chance and skill will entertain the merry revellers while a miniature plane called the "Spirit of Weaverville" will "Give the Air" to the bold and hardy.

Mrs. J. Fred Reeves who has been very ill at Mission Hospital recovering from the effects of an appendicitis operation, is slowly improving.

Mr. W. B. Ferguson, resident Engineer of District No. 9, is ill at his home on Main street with influenza.

Former Madison Man Writes Commending News-Record.

Washington, D. C., 206, 13th St., N.E. March 10th, 1928
 Editor of The News Record,
 Marshall, N. C.

My Dear Sir:—Inclosed I am sending my check, \$1.00, to renew my subscription which seems to have expired. I enjoy the Record, of course it is of more than ordinary interest to me as I am a native of Madison County and some of the happiest years of my life were lived in Marshall, the memory of which I shall continue to cherish until the end. May I add just here that for more than a quarter of a century my life has been cast along lines which have brought me into contact with good people from all sections of our country, as well as some from foreign countries, but in my opinion none of them measure quite up to the standard of our mountain folks, of real man and womanhood and especially our Madison County people whom I have known and loved during all these years, and to them I take pleasure in commending the News-Record as a splendid publication and a most valuable county enterprise.

With very best wishes, I am,
 Yours truly,
 D. F. LAWSON

The stand of oats has been cut at least 50 per cent in some counties due to the recent freeze. Some farmers plan to overcome this loss by planting spring oats in February.

Songs of Plain Folks

By James Lewis Hays



The Baby

It may be the corn grew thicker
 Since our baby came along,
 But I think my step is quicker
 And my hands are twice as strong,
 For the morning's not half over
 When I've hussed a heaping load,
 And I see you at the window
 As I'm driving up the road.

Let me tell you, little Mother,
 Dear young Mother of the Boy,
 There's a strange something-or-other
 In his smile that gives me joy!
 There's a new and lovely something
 Shining in his mother's eyes
 Ever since that youngster's coming,
 Like a gleam from Paradise.

Oh, it gives me heart and vigor
 To attack the meanest task!
 Days are brighter, life is bigger;
 Just a hasty kiss I'll ask,
 Just the grip of Baby's fingers,
 And I'm off to work again,
 For the while the pressure lingers
 I'm the happiest of men!

FROM HOT SPRINGS

Mrs. R. C. Kirby and son Robert, left Wednesday for Watauga, Tenn., to join Mr. Kirby who is working there.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Buquo, of Black Mountain, were in Hot Springs Monday.

Mr. J. W. Morris left Tuesday for Tennessee and came back Monday. He brought his mother home with him and she will make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Buquo.

Mrs. W. R. Ellerson, Miss Mary Robertson, Mrs. W. T. Davis and Mrs. Cartwright all spent Thursday afternoon shopping in Asheville.

Messrs C. C. Brown and Gordon Conly and Bascom Holt returned where they had made a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Luckie, of New York City, motored to Hot Springs last week and were the guests of her mother, Mrs. Williams and also Uncle Ted Garenfco.

Messdames C. C. Brown and Conly, Mr. Joe Brooks and Frank Brown motored to Knoxville, Tennessee Saturday and were the guests of relatives over the week end.

Mr. Lon Ferguson, of Leicester, was in Hot Springs Monday.

Mr. George Lippard was in Asheville Thursday.

Mr. Frank Parks, of Joe, N. C., turned over three times in his car near Bluff Friday. They brought him in for medical aid in a truck. He stayed with his sister and was able to return home Tuesday very much improved.

Mrs. T. B. Ruffy has again returned to Asheville where she is taking Mr. Jim E. Rector of Asheville, was the guests of his parents. His mother is still about the same.

Mrs. Ellis met with our club Monday and we will meet again April 26. Messdames Ellerson and Corbett will attend the meeting for the club in Marshall and will meet with us on the 26th.

The play, "Over the Hills," was given by the Hot Springs High School Students Wednesday night and was very much enjoyed by all who attended. The crowd would have been larger, but for the fact so many of the parents and students were on the sick list.

The Ladies Aid Society met last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Lon Brooks. We had lots of members and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

DEATH OF MRS. CLYDE HAZWOOD

Mrs. Clyde Hazwood died Monday morning at 7:50 A. M. She was formerly Miss Nancy Canby and was married to Mr. Clyde Hazwood, February 4, 1912. She is survived by her husband and 4 daughters and one son. Also one step daughter, Mrs. Joe Burns, of Washington, D. C., also four sisters and three brothers. She had been in very bad health for years and she was very patient during her long weeks of suffering. Mr. Hazwood is Track Supervisor of the Southern Railway and much sympathy is extended him and his children. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Cedar Hill in the French Broad Church at 11 o'clock. She was 40 years, 5 months, and 24 days old and a member of the Free Will Baptist Church, of Hot Springs.

Fourth ribbons. This was in competition in the open classes against all exhibitors.

VALUE OF CHARACTER

Character is a fortune. It pays a better dividend than bank or railroad stocks. The young man who goes forth in the world with an unimpeachable character can never suffer permanent defeat. The blows which he receives from his antagonists will bound back from such a character and all the injury they inflict will be upon the one who gives them. In every emergency it is the man of character who is sought. Those lacking this beautiful jewel may for a time crowd themselves forward and, so long as nothing of importance is at stake, be permitted to enjoy prominence in the state and social affairs but when the crisis comes when the government is threatened, when society is a menace, when it is a special honor to be prominent, character is scrutinized and only he whose character is spotless is selected to lead at such times. Brilliant reputations fade as a meteor fades and their possessions find reputation one thing and character another. They then regret that this important difference had not been thought of before, but the world seems to learn little from these lessons which individuals so often learn under severe circumstances.

The world as a rule is careful of its reputation—the outside cover of the heart—the mist which hides the same, but of its character the heart itself—the object of God's scrutinizing, it is deplorably careless. The question is not what I am, but what will the world think of me. With the knowledge of the advantages of character in this world and the next, let every young man strive to live in such a way that he can respect himself and be utterly regardless so long as he is right of opinion of the world.

Another important thing to remember is that character once gone is gone forever. A shattered character may be retrieved in part but can never be restored to its original strength and perfection. However upright a man who has been reckless of the purity of his character may live after reformation the world may treat him kindly and even honor him to some extent, but still will regard him with a certain degree of suspicion and fear. Hundreds and thousands have found this to be true from bitter experiences and oceans of scalding tars have been shed because it is true.

All this is in the hands and under the control of every young man whose none but ourselves can injure us in this respect. We can build up our own character or we can tear it down, and with the pictures of so many failures in life before us, the most important thing for each of us to do is to see that no blot shall disgrace our individual character.

—J. COLEMAN GREGORY

LAST LYCEUM NUMBER

The last of the Lyceum numbers scheduled for Marshall this season was given at the school auditorium Wednesday night after prayer meeting. The two entertainers were good, but Marshall is sufficiently fed up on the courses for the present. The guarantors had to come across with \$3.03 each to make up the loss, besides other work and loss sustained by Mr. and Mrs. J. Hubert Davis, who had the matter in charge.

PRAYER SERVICE ATTENDANCE KEEPS UP

Though not quite as large as the previous Wednesday night, the attendance at prayer service is wonderful. At the Union service (Methodist and Presbyterian) Wednesday evening the attendance was 211 while at the Baptist church the attendance was 244, making a total of 455—about half the population of Marshall.

From Black Mountain

Mr. Clarence Joyner of this place and Miss Cornelia McDevitt of Revere were married last Monday afternoon in Greeneville, S. C. They returned to the home of the groom, where their many friends gave them a serenade Tuesday night.

The jolly serenaders left their cars about a quarter of a mile away from the house and with guns, cow bells and horns, slipped up to the living room window. The groom's brother fired the first shot. Just as he shot one of the boys threw a handful of shot against the window, then all the serenaders began. They marched around the house twice shooting, blowing horns and ringing cow bells, they then went into the house and while the girls talked to the bride and the other ladies present, the boys gathered in the hall and sang, "I wish I was single again." after which they seized the groom and rode him on a plank. When the laughter of this was over the girls rode the bride around the house in a wheelbarrow. The groom's brother and brother-in-law favored the serenaders with several selections on the banjo, guitar and violin; two of the numbers being "Here Comes the Bride" from Lowenghrin and "Over the Waves." The serenaders also enjoyed music on the radio, piano and Victrola. As the serenaders left they rang the bells until they reached their cars. Those enjoying the affair were: Mr. and Mrs. George Joyner, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. George Joyner, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Joyner, Misses Dorothy and Carrie Wilson, Lela Odum, Evelyn Joyner, Mary Riddle, Messrs Frank Joyner, Ladd Joyner, Alex Padgett, Pinkney Riddle, Allie Padgett, Starlin Whitaker, Jessie Padgett and Clyde Nanny. At the present the bride and groom are at the home of the groom's parents. They will make their permanent residence in Black Mountain.

From MARION

Mr. J. B. Russell motored to Asheville Saturday evening. He was accompanied by Mr. Herman Lowdermilk and some more of his friends.

Mr. Floyd Smith of Hickory spent Friday night with Mr. J. D. Allison.

Miss Lillian Russell is very ill with measles at this writing.

Mr. Willie Allison made a business trip to South Carolina Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fowler and daughter visited Mr. George West at East Marion Sunday.

Miss Dora Allison and little sister Minnie spent Saturday night with their brother at East Marion.

Mr. J. M. Fowler called at Mr. J. B. Russell's Sunday.

Mrs. Dora Balding visited Mrs. Dora Russell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Allison and little daughter visited his father Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fowler spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Allison.

Mrs. Rowland visited Mrs. Dora Balding Sunday.

Mr. Garland Russell called on Mr. J. D. Allison Sunday.

Mrs. Trixie Hicks visited Mrs. Harriet Hicks Monday.

BILLS IN CONGRESS

IMMIGRATION

Representative Charles H. Brand, of Georgia, introduced House Bill No. 11534, providing for canceling naturalization certificates if and when a naturalized citizen, within five years after the date of the certificates of citizenship, has been guilty of fraud, or by his acts, declarations, or conduct has ceased to be a man of good moral character.

NO ALIENS

Representative Allard H. Gasque, of South Carolina, introduced House Bill No. 10648, providing for the prohibition of the immigration of aliens to the United States, as an amendment to the Immigration Act of 1924. The amendment provides for the exception of foreign government officials and their household; students, teachers, scientists, and those of professions, such as writers, lawyers, physicians, and engineers, for periods not exceeding one year. Travelers for business, pleasure, or curiosity were also excepted.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE

Senator Carter Glass, of Virginia, introduced Senate Bill No. 3414, to repeal the joint resolution entitled "Joint Resolution directing the Interstate Commerce Commission to take action relative to adjustments in the rate structure of common carriers subject to the Interstate Commerce Act, and fixing the rates and charges," approved January 31, 1925.

RETURN OF BODIES

Senator J. Thomas Heflin, of Alabama, introduced Senate Resolution No. 103, providing for the return of the remains of members of the Marine Corps and of other naval forces, who have died in Nicaragua during the present intervention by the United States.

NATIONAL FORESTS

Representative John M. Evans, of Montana, introduced House Bill No. 11627, to provide for the protection of municipal watersheds within the national forests.

TO PREVENT FRAUD

Representative S. Wallace Dempsey, of New York, introduced House Bill No. 11462, to prevent fraud in respect to the sale of disposition of securities through agencies of interstate or foreign commerce and to provide a summary proceeding therefor and penalties for the violation thereof.

CIVIL WAR CLAIMS

Representative John McDuffie, of Alabama introduced House Resolution No. 219, authorizing the lawful heirs of loyal citizens of the United States to prosecute their claim in the various United States district courts against the United States Government for property taken, used, or destroyed by the Government in its prosecution of the Civil War; and to grant to the said district courts jurisdiction to hear and determine the merits of such claims.

HEALTH INSTITUTION

Senator Joseph E. Ransdell, of Louisiana, introduced Senate Bill, No. 3391, to establish a National Institute of Health, to authorize increased appropriations for the Hygienic Laboratory, and to authorize the Government to accept donations for use in and cure of disease affecting human beings.

TRADING RULES

Representative John W. Summers of Washington, introduced House Bill No. 11414, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to establish trading rules and business practices for handlers and dealers in fruits and vegetables, to provide for a system of adjustment of disputes.

FLAG CODE

Representative Charles Brand, of Ohio, introduced House J. R. No. 11, to adopt an official flag code for the United States. This code would require certain actions on the part of citizens toward to flag and that the flag be used only in certain ways.

MARS HILL GIRLS SING AT ASHEVILLE

One of the sweetest musical numbers given at the W. M. U. at Asheville last week was a sextette Thursday evening by the following Mars Hill College girls: Misses Ada Ruffo, Nell Bowles, Mollie Cooper, Louise Patrick, Elizabeth Spangler, Virginia Frady.

city of crude rubber to an automobile company in Columbus, Ohio, at a price of \$1.00 per ton. The company renewed foreign trade relationships SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Mars Hill, N. C.