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DR. W. F. POWELL TO LECTURE AT MARS HILL

TOPICS FOR DR. POWELL'S and friends.
LECTURES ANNOUNCED

The 75th anniversary of the founding of Mars Hill College and the centennial of the birth of the first president of the college will be celebrated here next Sunday and Monday. And as has been previously announced, both in this paper and The Asheville Citizen, the Rev. Dr. W. F. Powell, of Nashville, Tenn., will deliver a series of lectures, in connection with the Founder's Day program. These lectures are to be the first of a series of lectures to be given under the Albert E. Brown Foundation, established by the late Dr. A. E. Brown of Asheville, in honor of his father, William Albert Gallatin Brown, who was the first president of Mars Hill College.

The topics of Dr. Powell's lectures have been announced as follows: Sunday, 11:00 A. M.—Dirt & Deity. Sunday evening, 7:30—Clod and Crystal. Monday, 11:00 A. M.—Fetters and Freedom. Monday evening, 7:30—Unit and Universe.

In the words of Dr. Hight C. Moore, we feel that these lectures will be "both attractive and inspiring."

Dr. Powell will remain thru Friday for a series of evangelistic services with the College.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE PAST WEEK

Y. W. A. Social

On Wednesday afternoon of last week, Mrs. R. M. Lee entertained the Y. W. A. group. They held a short business session first, and at this meeting elected Mrs. P. C. Stringfield as counsellor to succeed Mrs. Lee, who has accomplished fine work with the girls for the past year. A number of interesting games were enjoyed during the social hour, and then Mrs. Lee served delicious gold and silver cake and punch. Mrs. E. C. Coates, as president of the W. M. S. and former Y. W. A. leader, and Mrs. Stringfield, as the new leader, were honor guests.

Recital

Last Saturday afternoon, a number of mothers and pupils gathered at Mrs. Owens' home for the first recital of the class in piano. The performers for this occasion were Jack Roberts, Eloise Reese, Helen Stanton, Helen Trentham, Bobbie Edwards, Mary Webb Anderson, Clarine Reese, Willie Edwards, Golda Tillery, Grace Carter, Elizabeth Fleetwood, and Louise Coates. Other members of the class will perform at the next recital to be given six weeks hence. This method affords excellent opportunity for the mothers to watch the progress of their children. After the recital, the children and their mothers enjoyed a number of musical games and afterward light refreshments were served.

BUSINESS MEN MEET WITH PROFESSOR CARR

On Thursday evening of last week, at the home of Professor and Mrs. I. N. Carr, there was a get-together meeting of the representative business men of the town and the school folks in the interest of cooperation toward keeping high the ideals of our town and community. There were 18 or more present. After the discussion, which was led by Dr. O. E. Sams, a social hour and refreshments followed.

SURPRISE PARTY FOR MRS. BALLARD

On last Wednesday evening, members of the Home Economics class of last year gathered at the home of Miss Shirley Gibbs and passed a happy hour with their last year's teacher, Mrs. George Ballard, who was spending a few days here with her sister, Mrs. Douglas Robinson.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mitchell, of Youngsville, N. C., spent a few days recently with Mrs. Mitchell's mother, Mrs. L. D. Edwards.

Families of Messrs. Gaither Edwards, E. C. Coates and J. H. Stines enjoyed a family outing and picnic after church Sunday at the Bailey Springs.

Professors P. C. Stringfield and J. W. Huff will go to Durham Friday to attend the N. C. College Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carter of Asheville spent Sunday with Mrs. Ashbel Carter.

Rev. T. E. Walters, pastor at Rocky Mount, was on the campus a few days recently.

Mrs. C. Y. Tilson spent the weekend with relatives in Brevard.

Friends of Miss Irene Willis will be glad to learn of her improved condition, and that she has been able to come to her sister's, Mrs. A. E. Carter's, for a rest.

Mrs. Hilton, of eastern South Carolina, is spending a few weeks here with her son, Professor John McLeod.

A P. T. A. chicken supper will be held in Holcombe's store building, Friday evening, beginning at 5:30.

THE COUNTRY VOTE

It was the case in former years that the rural vote was generally cast on the right side of a moral question, or for a man of high moral character. But in the recent primaries this seems to have been reversed. For instance, in Texas the Ferguson's strength was in the country, and was only overcome by the voters of the towns. In Louisiana, it is said, that Long's strength was in the country, while a majority of the town votes were against him. What has got into our country people, when they are supporting men who command the support of the baser element? Let it be understood that this is being written by one who was born and bred in the country, and who is proud of that fact. —The Biblical Recorder.

UNIFORM HIGHWAY LAWS NEEDED

EFFORTS TO BE MADE THIS WINTER TO GET ALL STATES TO ADOPT SAME MOTOR VEHICLE RULES

By CALEB JOHNSON

Uniform regulations for the issuing of drivers' licenses, and uniform traffic regulations in all states, will be urged this Winter upon the legislature of the forty states where the law making bodies will convene after January 1st. Such uniformity, once agreed upon and enforced, is expected to cut down materially the toll of traffic accidents, which cost the United States more than 33,000 human lives last year, and made permanent cripples out of many thousands more.

The American Automobile Association is back of the movement to have all states require that no one may get a driver's license who is unable to understand highway warnings or direction signs in the English language. There are still a few states which require no licenses at all, and in those the percentage of traffic accidents is higher than in the states where licenses are required. But among the states where licenses

TROY RAMSEY COMMITS SUICIDE

ENDS LIFE ON ACCOUNT OF FAILING HEALTH AND LOSS OF MONEY

Mr. Troy Ramsey, a young man 23 years old, who has been living at his home on Upper Laurel in No. 16 Township, Tuesday afternoon about one o'clock committed suicide, 'ill health and the loss of \$1,300 being given as the cause of his act.

According to reports, Ramsey placed the barrel of a rifle in his mouth and pulled the trigger, which caused instant death.

Ramsey was said to have been in failing health for some time and became quite despondent after the closing of a Tennessee bank in which he had deposited his life's savings which amounted to \$1,300. The deceased was unmarried.

A widowed mother, with whom he had been living, is left to mourn his sad death.

are necessary before one may drive on the roads, the thirteen states which have the literacy provision in the law show a smaller percentage of accidents than any of the others.

Even more important than this uniformity in licensing regulations is the need for uniform traffic laws, and the standard which will be urged upon all legislatures is that agreed upon by the National Conference on Street and Highway Safety, of which Robert P. Lamont, Secretary of Commerce, is chairman.

One of the important recommendations of the conference is that no car shall be licensed until it has been inspected and declared fit for use. Under the Pennsylvania laws more than 1,000 cars have been ruled off the roads because they were mechanically unfit and a danger to others.

Speed limits which now vary greatly from state to state and even from town to town, would be uniformly fixed, under this proposal, at 20 miles an hour in business districts 25 miles in residential districts and in public parks within cities, and 45 miles outside of business and residential districts.

With respect to slow driving the code declares: "It shall be unlawful for any person unnecessarily to drive at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or because upon a grade or when the vehicle is a truck or truck and trailer necessarily in compliance with law proceeding at reduced speed."

Concerning passing of vehicles proceeding in opposite directions the code required that drivers "shall pass each other to the right, each giving

Faithful Unto Death

Readers of Massachusetts newspapers were shocked last August in reading of the discovery of the body of a young wife in the woods, near Norwood. Her husband had been her destroyer. The discovery was made because of her little pet dog "Snowball," standing beside her dead body, had kept up a persistent barking until a passer-by on the highway, attracted by the barking, sought the cause of it. One can scarcely help wondering what went on in the little fellow's brain during those lonely hours he kept his sad vigil.

—Our Dumb Animals.

WHITE ROCK FAIR TO BE ATTRACTION FOR NEXT WEEK

the other at least one-half of the main traveled portion of the roadways as nearly as possible.

Regarding overtaking and passing cars the recommendations provide that the driver of an overtaken vehicle "shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on suitable and audible signal and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle."

It is also required that "the driver of a vehicle shall not drive to the left side of the center line of a highway in overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless such left side is clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit overtaking and passing to be completely made without impeding the safe operation of any vehicle overtaken."

When approaching curves, etc., the code rules against driving to the left side of the center line of a highway "when approaching the crest of a grade or upon a curve in the highway where the driver's view along the highway is obstructed within a distance of 500 feet."

With respect to municipal traffic regulations, the recommendations provide that a left turn at an intersection be made on the green light. The regulation, as contained in the model municipal traffic ordinance, declares that "the operator of a vehicle or street car intending to turn to the left at an intersection where traffic is controlled by traffic control signals, or by a police officer with proper care to avoid accident and shall proceed to make such left turn only upon the 'go' signal, unless otherwise directed by a police officer."

That there may be danger, however, in too much traffic regulation, in inducing a sense of safety on the part of drivers who would otherwise look out for themselves better, was suggested to me the other day by Mr. Robbins B. Stoeckel, the Connecticut Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Mr. Stoeckel has just returned from a visit to England, where motor accidents are few and speed limits unknown except when a motorist is driving "to the common danger."

"They have few traffic policemen in England," said Mr. Stoeckel, "but everybody is a traffic man. It is everybody's business that a car be properly directed and all drivers, pedestrians and even the man seated on his porch, help by suggestions and direction. Always, too, in a kind and matter of fact way.

"A great many times during the tour I recently made, it happened that the driver ahead would indicate that a vehicle was approaching from the opposite direction. Our own driver invariably did the same for following cars.

"There is another characteristic of English traffic which might be beneficially copied here. It is that more responsibility is placed with each driver and there is a consequent development of self-reliance.

"There are, with the exception of a few Bobbies on bicycles and on foot, no police at all on rural roads. The abhorrence with which a reckless driving case is generally viewed seems extraordinary to an American but is very effective.

"The thought is left, after viewing the absence of official supervision in England, that we in America may be in danger of overdoing it. After all the man is the key to performance; his education is the all important factor for safety. We must help him all we can in his traffic activity but must be certain that we do not by our well meaning efforts in one direction make pitfalls in another.

"Out of the experiments we ought to make if we can get up courage to do it sometime is to try a plan of letting traffic regulate or direct itself. Such a tryout might be dangerous in the extreme, unless everybody understood plainly that he was on his own.

"With that understanding might it not be possible that an accentuated sense of danger and the call for in-

Will Show What A Small Community Can Do

Considerable praise is due the people of the Laurel section of Madison County for their efforts to have a community fair this year. Wednesday and Thursday of next week, October 15 and 16, are the days for the Laurel Fair. According to a premium list printed and distributed, quite a number of prizes are to be given on Farm and Field crops, Horticultural Products, Home Economics Products, Home Made Butter and Cheese, Jams, Jellies, Pantry Supplies, Livestock, and a number of others. The prizes have been made possible by the two banks in Marshall, Messrs. E. R. Tweed, G. L. McKinney, P. V. Rector, J. N. White and others. It is expected that quite a number of people from all parts of the County, as well as from other counties will be there and see what a community can do. We understand that Dr. W. E. Finley has been very energetic in pushing this fair to success. Mr. Brintnall has an article this week bearing on this subject, to which your attention is called. We understand that fairs were held at White Rock some years ago, which proved to be quite interesting, and here's wishing for the success of the revival of this worthy undertaking.

MARSHALL FIDDLERS' CONVENTION

On October 24th at 8:00 P. M. in the Marshall High School auditorium there will be staged one of the best, biggest, and most selective group of Fiddlers, solo players, and singers that have ever been brought together in this section.

The fiddlers' convention is to be held in order to raise funds that will be spent on the library of the Marshall school. If the school can secure \$50.00 they will have \$100.00 given them by the State and district to buy books with.

Several bands have written that they will be here. Bands, solo players, and singers from Cherokee, Mitchell, Yancey, Buncombe, Haywood, and Newport have already applied for entrance.

There will be several gold prizes given to the winner of the many events that are on the program. All of the pieces played that night will be a genuine "Old Time Piece", and the judges will be picked from some of the best old time fiddlers throughout this section so that all the pieces can be judged in an old time way.

This program promises to be one of the most entertaining programs that has ever been given in Marshall or even this county.

initiative consequent upon it would bring out self-reliance and judgment to a greater extent than they are supposed to exist? England does it with the help of a dangerous sense of danger and the call for in-

CAROLINIANS—Know Your State!

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MICA MINE NEAR SPRUCE PINE

NORTH CAROLINA ranks first in the United States in the number (284) of native minerals and is the leading mica producing state in the Union. The best mica known is found in Jackson, Macon and Haywood counties. The mica industry, which has long been one of the leading mineral industries of the State, is greatly hampered at present due to an unfavorable tariff and foreign competition.

Mica can be imported from South Africa, France and India, cheaper than it can be produced at local mines and as a result of this many mica finishing plants use imported mica even though it is not as good as that produced locally.

The total production in 1928 was 777,395 pounds of sheet mica valued at \$129,706 and 4,419 tons of scrap valued at \$69,638. One week beginning 8-10-30

Tillie—I read that a doctor restored a patient to sanity by pulling his teeth.

Millie—Is that so?

Tillie—Yes, but wait till he sees the bill; he'll probably go crazy again.

