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Appalachia Synod Meets At Montreat

The 33rd annual meeting of the Presbyterian Synod of Appalachia which was convened at Montreat on Tuesday, September 16, at 7:30 p. m., was preceded by a one day meeting of religious education committee members and workers, convening at the Assembly Inn at 6 p. m., on Monday the 15th.

With the Rev. James L. Fowle, D. D., of Chattanooga, presiding, the religious education committee members of the synod and the four constituent presbyteries, and other leaders, began their meeting with a supper and a devotional led by the Rev. A. R. Craig, of Spruce Pine.

The Rev. J. R. McGregor, D. D., president of the Mountain Retreat Association, delivered the principal address on Monday evening and spoke again at 9:30 Tuesday morning. The remaining part of the Monday evening session consisted of the report of Dr. Fowle on the year's work followed by brief statements and discussion groups dealing with children's work, young people's work, and adult work.

The Rev. Charles C. Cowser, Jr., of Newport, Tenn., led the group on children's work, the Rev. W. S. Thorington, D. D. Signal Mountain, Tenn., led the group on young people's work, and the Rev. James M. Carr, Th. D., director of religious education for the synod, of Knoxville, Tenn., had charge of the adult division.

The synod's meeting which convened at 7:30 Tuesday evening was opened by a sermon by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. T. P. Johnston, of Kingsport, Tenn., followed by the observance of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, led by the Rev. Julian Lake, D. D., of Bristol, Tenn., and the Rev. Walter Styles of Black Mountain.

Featured speakers at the gathering include the Rev. Frank W. Price, D. D., missionary to China, and personal representative of China's government at the peace conference at San Francisco. He spoke at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday.

At 2:45 on Wednesday afternoon, Roy LeCraw of Atlanta, Ga., addressed the synod on the Presbyterian Program of Progress. Mr. LeCraw, a Presbyterian layman of Atlanta, and former mayor of that city, was actively engaged in Europe in the post-war reconstruction work as a colonel in the United States Army. He is leading the five year Presbyterian Program of Progress as a volunteer worker in the church, seeking to stimulate the entire work of the denomination.

Homecoming At Kerlee Baptist Church Sunday

The homecoming at the Kerlee Baptist church will be held at the church, Sunday, September 21, beginning at 10:00 a. m. and lasting until 4:05 p. m. The Rev. Tom Walters of Ridgecrest will deliver the principal address. The day's program will consist of special singing, speaking, visiting and renewing of friendships. The public is invited. There will be dinner on the grounds at noon.

Starting Berths Are Wide Open

All berths are still wide open, and the starting lineup will not be known for several days, head coach Eugene Byrd declared today when outlining a program of continued hard work for his charges over the next several days. "Some of the so-called reserves are pushing for first team berths and will have to be reckoned with before the final selection is made."

With more than a week of contact work behind them the Darkhorses will settle down to preparing for the opener with Oakley, September 26.

NEW DEAN



DR. HAROLD BOSLEY, well known author in the field of religious literature, assumed his new post as dean of the Duke University Divinity School this week. Dr. Bosley, filling the vacancy created by the sudden death of Dr. Paul A. Root, was slated to assume the Duke position early this summer, is widely recognized for his work among young people at college student conferences.

Presbyterians Plan Program Of Expansion

September through October 5, has been designated as Religious Education season by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States, with special emphasis to be placed on the observance in every local church of Religious Education Week, the closing week of the season.

Planning for the season has been done under the supervision of the executive committee of religious education and publication of the assembly, of which Dr. Edward D. Grant, Richmond, Virginia, is executive secretary.

Particular emphasis this year is placed on the slogan, "Building Today for a Better Tomorrow," which ties in with the slogan of the Presbyterian program of progress, a five-year program of advance in the whole assembly, which is "Christ is the Only Answer."

The double purpose of the religious education season is to reassemble the Sunday schools after the summer vacation at a rally day, Sunday, Sept. 28, and to receive on that day the annual rally day offering used to support the benevolent work of this executive committee, and to launch the Program of Progress which includes the raising of \$500,000 for the expansion plans of the religious education committee.

The total Program of Progress plan is to expand the Southern Presbyterian church through a great evangelistic effort to increase membership at the rate of 100,000 a year for five years; by the establishment of a minimum of 250 chapels each year for five years; to promote Christian growth especially by increasing attendance at Sunday schools at the rate of 10 per cent increase each year for the five years and a minimum for the entire period of not less than 80 per cent of the enrollment in attendance each Sunday, and by a renewed emphasis on Christian stewardship, including the stewardship of life possessions, with special emphasis given to the call for full-time service in the church.

STATE DIRECTOR HERE

Miss Marjorie Bealy, secretary and director of the North Carolina Library commission, expressed pleasure at the progress which has been made at the local library during the past few months. The state director paid an official visit here Tuesday.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

Mondays & Fridays
6:00 P. M. to 8:00 P. M.
Wednesdays & Saturdays
3:00 P. M. to 6:00 P. M.

Community Chest Offers County 6-Fold Program

The Community Chest of Buncombe county, through its 27 Red Feather services, offers a six-fold program for the betterment of conditions throughout Buncombe county.

These fields of service cover spiritual guidance, child welfare, family care, character education, and hospital and health. The entire program points up to the permanent Community Chest slogan: "Everybody Benefits When Everybody Gives."

Surley Buncombe county is a better place to live in because of the good work of the Mission of the Good Samaritan, the Salvation Army, Black Mountain Child Services, Buncombe County Nursery Schools, Inc., Tiny Tots Nursery School, Children's Services, Children's Home Society of N. C., and Buncombe County, Child Welfare League, Speech Defects, Social Service Exchange, Hominy Valley-Enka Candler, Family and Children's Services, Travelers Aid, Boy Scout Daniel Boone Council, Family Life Education Council, Girl Scouts of Buncombe County, Y. M. C. A., (including Market Street, Riverside and West Asheville branches), Y. W. C. A., (including Phyllis Wheatley Branch), Y. M. C. A. World Youth, Y. W. C. A. World Youth, Asheville Colored Hospital, Hearing Society, Heart Association, and Social Hygiene Association.

Under the heading of Spiritual Guidance the services of the Mission of the Good Samaritan and the Salvation Army are the spirit that is a part of all your Red Feather services.

The Salvation Army is known throughout the world for its work in trying to save, in soul and body, the poor and the outcast.

The Mission of the Good Samaritan is unique to Buncombe county, and since its organization here in 1911, has lived up to the service to mankind implied in the name.

This year's aim for the Mission of the good Samaritan, in the words of its president, the Rev. C. Grier Davis, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, is "To function more effectively on behalf of the churches of Asheville and Buncombe county in providing chaplaincy service in our health institutions and social service in the community at large."

To the stranger who has come to this area seeking the benefits of its healthgiving climate and pure water, this is interpreted in terms of friendly ministering hands and kind, encouraging words. The services of the Mission are initiated through the chaplain and a qualified Negro case worker, who in turn channel the opportunities for service to volunteers from the various women's organizations of Buncombe county churches.

The Salvation Army in Buncombe county is a Red Feather service with highest ideals. Its Workers are an army of Christian soldiers, pledged to sacrifice and service. They live to let in the light to those whose existence is dark and sordid. Through the medium of music on street corners and alleyway, the Salvation Army kindles in the impoverished heart the will to search again for the good once known. When this flame is kindled, the Salvation Army expects the individual to repent accept the Christian faith, and resolve to lead a new life. Following this resolve comes the biggest challenge of the work of the Army, that of showing him how to lead a new life, helping him over the rough spots.

The helping hand of the Salvation army goes out to the man without a job; the girl facing motherhood out of wedlock, dismayed and alone; the youth, realizing the futility of indulgence but puzzled as to the way out; the criminal brooding in his cell; the widow with her children valiantly waging a losing battle against poverty and disease; the wayward, the degenerate, the irresponsible, the weak or ill.

At the Asheville citadel, 25 re- (Continued on Page 8)

NEWLY WEDS



MR. AND MRS. EDWARD FIEMSTER CAMPBELL, who were married September 6 in the First Baptist church in Black Mountain. The Rev. H. W. Baucom, retired pastor of the church, performed the ceremony. After a short wedding trip the young couple will be at home in Chapel Hill where they will continue their studies at the university. (Photo by Ellington Studios)

'47 Softball Champs Issue Challenge

Declaring that they will play left handed if necessary to even things up, the Friendship Chapel championship softball team today challenged any team in Black Mountain or any all-star team that can be collected up by any of the managers.

The Friendship Chapel boys would like to make the game the occasion for showing their appreciation to Eugene Byrd, league president, and have suggested that in case their challenge is accepted all the proceeds be given to him. It was agreed that even the players, umpires, and spectators alike contribute on that day.

Rice's Quality Store To Move

Rice's Quality store, which has occupied the building next to Knight's Pharmacy, will move within the next few days to its new location in the Garland building, John H. Rice, owner and manager announced today. With one of the largest floor spaces in town, the new location will provide adequate room for an increase in stock and ample display.

Used by the owner, Albert J. Garland, as a Firestone Home and Auto Supply store, the building is between the Dixie store and the Garland service station and garage, which Mr. Garland will continue to operate.

DAVIS DALTON REUNION

The Davis and Dalton reunion will be held, Sunday, October 5, at the Davis Town Free Will Baptist church, seven miles south of Old Fort, N. C.

All singers and the public are invited to attend.

Woodrow Westall, ex-high school flash, is assisting Coach Eugene Byrd in preparing the Darkhorses for the season. He will leave soon to enter the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

NEW DEADLINE

In order that the weekly issue of the NEWS may reach the subscribers as early Thursday morning as possible, the deadline for news has been moved up to 4 p. m. Tuesday. The deadline for ads requiring mats will be 6 p. m. Tuesday. Classified ads will still be accepted until noon Wednesday.

Leeman Heads Annual Lions Club Drive

The North Carolina State association for the Blind, which was created by the North Carolina Lions clubs, will conduct its annual white cane sale and membership enrollment drive beginning September 22, and continuing through September 27, it was announced today by Ronald E. Finch, president of the Black Mountain Lions club.

Sam Alford of Henderson, president of the State Association and former district governor of Lions, will direct the campaign which will have a \$25,000 goal and will be conducted from the mountains to the sea.

Lions and Lionesses throughout the state again are cooperating in the drive, which will have as its aim in raising funds for the association's widespread program of aid to the blind and conservation of sight, the latter project featuring free examinations, eye glasses and eye operations for underprivileged children.

Lion O. E. Leeman, who will serve as local chairman of the white cane sale and membership enrollment, announced today that the local Lions club had unanimously endorsed the campaign, and that its members, assisted by Lionesses and other local friends of the blind, will conduct an active drive here during the September 22-27 campaign period. The buttons will be sold directly to the general public. They will be exchanged for nominal contributions and there is no limit to the amount interested button purchasers may contribute—any amount from 10 cents up.

In addition to the sale of white cane buttons, the Lions will enroll as members in the State Association for an annual fee of \$1, and will seek memberships and renewal of present memberships from individuals interested in the welfare of the blind and conservation of sight.

One-third of the funds derived from the sale of the white cane buttons will be retained by the local club, O. E. Leeman said, for use in the program of its own blind aid and sight conservation committee, which is the major project committee of all Lions clubs. Aid to the blind and sight conservation long have constituted the major project of the International Association of Lions clubs. The local club makes it's work for the blind it's major activity during the year.

Leeman said the remaining two-thirds of the proceeds from the sale of the white canes, together with all of the funds derived from membership fees in the state associations, would go to the association toward meeting its \$25,000 goal for the 1947 campaign.

The Association expends its funds chiefly in providing eye operations and hospital care in sight conservation cases, the chairman said, adding that other phases of the statewide program include: examinations and eyeglasses for children; supplies for blind persons taking vocational and home training; establishing deserving blind persons in business enterprises, teaching braille, and other wise rendering every aid possible in blind and sight conservation cases that otherwise would suffer from tragic neglect.

Lion Leeman urged local friends of the blind to get behind the white cane sale and membership drive as solidly as possible so that the local community can make an excellent showing in the over-all statewide campaign.

FRIENDSHIP CHAPEL DOWNHILL METHODISTS FOR TITLE

The Friendship Chapel softballers closed out the regular season by coming from behind to wallop the Methodists, 1 to 10. As the series was two best out of three, this win gave the Chapel boys two straight victories over the challengers and the title. The Chapel won the first half.

Kermit Gray hurried for the winners while Dempsey Whitaker served them up for the losers.

Reflections

By JACK GREENWOOD

An interesting letter arrived this week from Brazil. Mrs. P. S. Landes, who spent last summer at Montreat, wrote to tell of life in that South American country.

"Yesterday when I read the quaint bit of news about the 112 year old man who was struggling with the ABC's so that he would not die illiterate, I thought of your paper and wondered if you might not like to have the clipping which I am enclosing. If it is of interest to you, I am sure Mr. and Mrs. Alva Hardie of Montreat will be glad to translate it for you.

"In this same clipping is a story of a girl whose wedding day had been set for St. John's Day. The girl could read and write and was ambitious, but the boy could not read and write. The girl decided to put off the wedding day until her intended husband should become literate, even though he protested at first. He is doing well in school, and when the marriage papers are made out he will be able to sign his own name.

"If you like bits of news like these, I will be glad to send stories from time to time."

Dr. and Mrs. Hans Margolius of Miami, Florida, who spent their vacation here this summer, were much impressed with the local library. A former librarian in the public library of Berlin, Dr. Margolius and his wife were especially interested in the fine collection of autographed books which "make a unique feature of the Black Mountain library."

Dr. Margolius is the author of several books on philosophy. His latest work "Notes on Ethics" was printed last spring by the Black Mountain NEWS. He intends to send a copy to our library.

Some Ridgecrest folks had a strange experience in the Smokies recently. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Creasman and daughter Linda, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Queen of Lavonia, Ga., and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gray and daughter Donna decided to spend a weekend in the Smokies. They were hoping to see a few bears but they just wanted to meet and say hello and not to make friendship a personal affair.

But bruin had other ideas. In fact he became so playful that he not only ate the eggs and ham which the folks were intending to eat for breakfast, but also tried to climb on top of cars parked in the vicinity and make a clean sweep. The folks locked the children in the cars for safekeeping.

Coach Eugene Byrd, with an eye to the future, has been experimenting with a young backfield. "They're still a year (Continued on Page 5)

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