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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY CLOSING MEETING TUESDAY.

Held Five Days' Session—175 Delegates Attended—Charlotte Next Meeting Place.

The second annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, came to a close Tuesday night after selecting Charlotte as the next annual meeting place and pledging over \$15,000 for foreign and home missions.

Friday's Session.

With over 150 delegates in attendance, the second annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, gathered at the Methodist church last Friday night for its first session.

The address of welcome was made by Mrs. C. Few, president of the local society, and a welcome address by the district society, Mrs. V. L. Stone, of Asheville. These were responded to by Mrs. M. B. Goodwin of Morganton.

The president, Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, of Greensboro, delivered her message to the society in which she brought out many interesting achievements for the past year. She outlined a number of things worthy of consideration for the coming year.

At the close of the exercises a reception was tendered the visiting delegates by the local members in the church. Light refreshments were served.

Saturday's Session.

The second day's program of the society was marked by the hearing of many important and interesting reports presented by the various officers of the society.

Among those who read papers Saturday morning were Mesdames, L. W. Crawford, P. N. Peacock, H. L. Durham, J. L. Woltz, W. C. Houston, Frank Siler and Miss Cora Earp.

In the afternoon Mrs. W. R. Harris gave the report of the superintendent of publicity after which followed a lively discussion by many of the delegates. Mrs. W. C. Houston gave an entertaining talk on Christian Stewardship. She was followed by Mesdames, V. L. Stone, J. L. Woltz and R. L. Hoke.

Mrs. Plato Durham, of Charlotte, who has just returned from the county meeting at Fort Worth, Tex., gave some interesting information about her trip. The talk was enjoyed by all the delegates.

Glimpses of our foreign and home fields, was generally discussed by four young missionaries who have just returned from their work. They are: Misses Carrie Buttrick, of Asheville; Lattie Perry, of Marion, N. C.; Julia Wasson, of China; Hazel Cooper, of Spartanburg.

Sunday Services.

Rev. J. W. Moore, pastor of the First Methodist church in Salisbury, preached a wonderful sermon on missions. Mr. Moore was for four years pastor of the local church and many of his friends heard him Sunday. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity. Unusually delightful music was rendered for this occasion by the choir accompanied by the handsome pipe organ and violin.

During the afternoon the children's exercises were held for the benefit of the delegates. The little people performed their part with marked training and the affair passed off very much enjoyed by those present.

During the evening session a very interesting talk was made by Miss Julia Wasson, who is a missionary from China. The message she brought from that foreign country was gratifying to say the least, to the society.

An address on Juvenile Protective Work, by Mrs. W. A. Newell, of Asheville, was also especially interesting.

Tuesday's Session.

Tuesday morning's session was opened with devotional services conducted by Miss Terrie Buttrick. The question of the next meeting place was placed before the conference with two urgent invitations, one from Morganton and the other from Charlotte. Those in favor of Charlotte were in the majority.

Several resolutions were passed at this meeting including one to assist the colored race in religious work.

ROBT. R. REYNOLDS NAMED BY LARGE CROWD THURSDAY NIGHT

Spoke at Court House—States he is Confident of the Nomination for Congress on First Ballot.

Before a representative number of Henderson county voters Robert R. Reynolds, candidate for Congress, from the Tenth congressional district, made a rousing political speech at the court house last Thursday night.

People from all parts of the county were there to hear "Our Bob" tell why he wanted to go to Congress and what he would do if given the nomination and elected by the democratic party. He had no words of condemnation for any of the other candidates; said they were good men, but believed he could come nearer earning that \$7,500 than any other man in the race, and promised, if nominated and elected, to be attentive and ever faithful in the performance of the duties connected with the office. Mr. Reynolds was very optimistic about his prospects for winning the nomination and said that he would be nominated on the first ballot in the convention.

Mr. Reynolds said that he was confident of carrying Henderson county as he had many warm friends here, who fought for him two years ago, and had made many new ones here during the past few months. Frequent applause were accorded the candidate during his talk.

CENSUS OF N. C. TOWNS.

Washington.—By figures prepared by the census bureau the following estimates for city populations in North Carolina are: Charlotte, 37,951; Wilmington 27,781; Winston-Salem, 29,084; Asheville, 20,157; Durham, 22,863; Greensboro, 18,391; Raleigh, 19,833; Rocky Mount, 16,855; High Point, 11,810; Newbern, 10,281; Elizabeth City, 9,282; Concord, 9,050. These are all the North Carolina towns over 8,000.

During the afternoon the election of officers was the most important event and many of the old officers were re-elected for the coming year. The following were elected: Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, of Greensboro, president; Mrs. W. S. Stewart, of Statesville, first vice president; Mrs. Plato Durham, of Charlotte, second vice president; Miss Cora Earp, of Mt. Airy, third vice president; Mrs. H. A. Durham, of Asheville, fourth vice president; Mrs. T. F. Marr, of Charlotte, recording secretary of the conference; Mrs. Frank Siler, of Waynesville, corresponding secretary home department; Mrs. L. W. Crawford, secretary of the foreign department; Mrs. R. L. Hoke, treasurer home department; Mrs. P. N. Peacock, treasurer foreign department; Mrs. W. R. Harris, superintendent of publicity.

The renewal of pledges for the coming year in the foreign and home mission work gave an increase over last year of several thousand dollars. Over \$12,000 was pledged by the conference, comprising thirteen districts, for foreign mission work. Over \$3,000 was pledged for home mission work. The juvenile department subscribed several thousand dollars also to both departments.

Closing business session and a consecration service marked the closing hour of the conference. A delegation of fifty delegates left here Wednesday for Brevard where they will visit the Brevard Institute, a school maintained through the support of this conference. An invitation has also been extended by the Brevard board of trade to furnish a drive for the delegates over the city.

A vote of thanks was extended the members in Hendersonville for their hospitality and cordial welcome shown the visitors while in the city.

The Choir.

Many have been the expressions of appreciation for the music rendered by Mrs. Toms' choir at each of the night services.

CROSSES OF HONOR.

All veterans, widows of veterans or eligible descendants of veterans who desire a Cross of Honor are requested to make application at once to Mrs. Michael Schenck, as crosses will be bestowed by the Daughters of the Confederacy at the celebration at the court house on June 3.

REORGANIZE MERCHANTS ASS'N.

Meeting Called for Thursday Night at Mr. Lott's Store.

William Lott, president of the Hendersonville Retail Merchants association, defunct, has issued a call for re-organization.

The association was in splendid working order a few years ago but its activities waned as those of the Greater Hendersonville club increased. Since the merchants association has matters to attend to which would not be appropriate for the Greater Hendersonville club, the call for re-organization has been made as follows:

There will be a call meeting of the Retail Merchants association Thursday night, May 14th, 8:30 p. m., in my shoe store. The purpose of this meeting is to re-organize and have regular meeting this summer. All the members are urged to be present. All the merchants of the town are invited to be here.

WM. LOTT, President.

GRADED SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Exercises Will Begin Monday With Sermon At Baptist Church.

The commencement exercises of the Hendersonville graded school will be held next week, beginning Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the First Baptist church, when Rev. Mr. Belk, who has been engaged in misinterfering work in the Fletcher section, will deliver the annual sermon.

On Tuesday night at 8:30 at the Baptist church the exercises of the graduating class will be rendered. The debating society of the school will debate the Monroe doctrine at the county court house on Monday night.

The graduating class is composed of eighteen boys and girls and in addition there are some in the commercial department.

An interesting program has been arranged and the exercises will doubtless be well attended by the large number interested in the local school work.

The Democrat has been requested to announce that there will be no morning service at the Methodist church by reason of the commencement sermon.

MRS. JOHN T. WILKINS DEAD.

Succumbs to Illness After Complicated Troubles of Four Months.

Mrs. Bessie Wilkins, aged 38 years, wife of John T. Wilkins, died Monday night after an illness of four months at her residence in Hendersonville.

The funeral services were conducted from the residence Tuesday afternoon with Rev. A. L. Stanford of Hickory, Rev. W. F. Womble and Rev. K. W. Cawthon officiating. Interment was made in Oakdale cemetery.

The deceased is survived by the husband and six children: Norma, Margaret, Adeline, Marie, John and William A., the latter being only three months old; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Smith; two sisters, Mrs. Jessie L. Turner, Miss Irma Smith; two brothers, C. W. Smith and H. Stansill Smith, all of Sumter, S. C.

Mrs. Wilkins has lived in Hendersonville seven years, during which time she made a large number of friends. She was married in 1898 to Mr. Wilkins, a member of the firm of the Blue Ridge Wholesale Grocery company, which recently moved from Hendersonville to Asheville.

It was the plan of Mr. Wilkins and family to move to Asheville, but Mrs. Wilkins' condition would not permit it and during her illness Mr. Wilkins has spent the greater portion of his time in this city.

Death resulted from a complication of troubles.

During her illness Mrs. Wilkins was visited from time to time by various members of her family, some of whom were at her bedside when death came.

Mr. Wilkins informs the Democrat that he will move his family to Asheville next week, and will occupy his home now nearing completion.

PHILATHEA ICE SUPPER.

The Philathea class of the First Baptist church is planning to hold an ice cream supper on Friday night of next week. It is not decided where the feast will be held, but an interesting program is being arranged.

When in need of deeds, mortgages, warrants and other blanks of this nature call at the Hustler-Democrat office.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AIDING IN MARKETING CROPS.

Editor Democrat:

We desire to call the attention of your readers to a survey we are making of the fruit and truck industry in your community. Blanks for listing the acreage in fruit and truck have been sent to county demonstration agents and secretaries of the local farmers unions. Individual growers will be sent blanks upon request.

This is an opportunity for all interested in the prosperity of the truck and fruit industry to cooperate with us in securing those facts which will enable us to see where and how we may best help the growers organize a more effective system of marketing. A complete list of the growers and their acreage in 1914 and 1906 of the crops shown in the enclosed blank will enable us to see the prosperity or decline of this industry in your community. Space is left in each blank for each grower to specify the cause of the increase or decrease of his acreage. The statement of the total acreage in other crops will make plain whether truck and fruit are the main crops or not.

A few questions are asked to bring out the present methods of marketing as compared to those of 1906. The answer to these questions will make clear whether the growers have ceased to receive mail orders from distant buyers or whether they are largely selling to local buyers, who are either representatives of distant buyers or local merchants. The answer to the question as to the total amount shipped from your shipping point can only be obtained through the cooperation of your local freight agent.

If we have the list of growers in time to publish in the next issue of the Farmers' Market Bulletin, not later than May 5th, it should bring inquiries from some buyers to the growers and induce others to send an agent into your territory to purchase produce.

By giving this work the widest publicity you will be helping in the development of one of the important industries in your community and in the State.

Yours for a wider market,
WM. R. CAMP,
Chief, Division of Markets.

CHRIST SCHOOL CLOSES.

Had Most Successful Year in its History; 130 Pupils; 7 Graduates.

Rev. E. N. Willcox, who participated in the commencement program at Christ school at Arden last week, reports the most successful year in the history of this institution.

During the year there was an enrollment of 130 pupils, only five of whom discontinued their work and out of which number there were seven graduates.

The exercises were held in the new building, plans for which were drawn by Meyer & Stillwell of Hendersonville. The building has not been completed. It represents a cost of approximately \$7,000, with which the school is highly pleased.

A feature of the program was an address by the Hon. Thomas Settle of Asheville.

The diplomas were awarded by Rev. Mr. Willcox.

WHAT A BABY IS!

What is a baby?

"About twenty-two inches of coo and wriggle, writhe and scream, filled with suction and testing apparatus for milk, and automatic alarm to regulate supply."

"It's a sweet and tiny treasure, a torment and a tease."

"It's an autocrat, an anarchist, Two awful things to please."

"It's a rest and peace disturber, With little laughing ways."

"It's a wailing human night alarm, And terror of your days."

"The bachelor's horror, the mother's treasure, and the despotic tyrant of the most republican household."

"A stranger with unspeakable cheek, that enters a house without a stitch to his back, and is received with open arms by every one."

"A bold asserter of the right of free speech."

"A diminutive specimen of perverse humanity that could scarcely be endured if he belonged to any one else, but, being our own, is a never-failing treasury of delight."—N. C. Health Bulletin.

GEO. W. VANDERBILT'S LAST WILL IS FILED.

Asheville.—The last will and testament of the late George W. Vanderbilt was filed at the office of the Buncombe County Superior Court clerk yesterday with papers made out at Surrogate's court in the county of New York, where the will was filed following the recent death of the master of Biltmore. The will contains a full description of the manner in which the great fortune is to be distributed among the heirs as well as a full description of the deceased's land holdings in Western North Carolina.

Brother and Widow Executives.

The brother of the deceased, William K. Vanderbilt, and Mrs. Edith Stuyvesant Vanderbilt, the widow of the deceased, are named as administrators of the estate and the disposition of the property rests largely in their hands. The widow and only child, Cornelia Stuyvesant Vanderbilt, are practically the sole heirs, although several connections are given annual incomes and some paintings are willed to relatives. Edwards L. Winthrop, Jr., is appointed special guardian for Cornelia Stuyvesant Vanderbilt for the sole purpose of looking after her interests in the matter, on account of her youth. She is 13 years old, according to the will.

Bequests to Widow.

All of the real property of the deceased lying in Transylvania, Haywood, Henderson, and Buncombe counties of this State is left to the widow to be disposed of as she may see fit. All of the personal effects at Biltmore house, with the exception of a few pictures, are also to become the property of the widow, and in addition to these, she is to have all of the real and personal property at Bar Harbor, Me., which consists of thirty acres of land and several houses; all of the real and personal property on K. Street at Washington, D. C., \$250,000 in money; and \$1,000,000 is to be set aside by the executors for investment the income of which is to be paid to Mrs. Vanderbilt. The payments will be made quarterly.

Daughter Gets Trust Fund.

In the will it is set forth that the deceased bequeaths to Cornelia Vanderbilt the principal of the trust fund, held under clause No. 7, of the will of the father of the deceased, William H. Vanderbilt, consisting of several millions of dollars. This fund is to be held for her by the executors of the estate.

Others Remembered in Will.

The deceased bequeaths to his niece, Miss Frederica Pultzer, the portrait of herself by Porter, now at Biltmore house. The portrait of his sister, Mrs. Shepherd, by Sargent, is given to his niece, Maria Louisa Sheffelin. Chas. McNamee and his wife, Julia Lord McNamee, are each to be given incomes of \$2,000 annually while they live, and \$1,000 income is to be given annually to Talbot Roof and George V. Caesar. Brenard V. Eckhout is provided with an annual income of \$1,500.

All of the rest of the property is to be handled by the executors of the estate for the benefit of Mrs. Vanderbilt to make what disposition she chooses at her death. The will was drawn December 18, 1913, when the deceased was in the best of health.

PHILATHEA OFFICERS.

At the regular monthly business meeting of the Presbyterian Philathea, held Tuesday evening at the church, the following officers were elected:

- President, Mrs. Rowe.
- Vice President, Miss Luna Russell.
- Secretary, Miss Grace Sample.
- Treasurer, Miss Margaret Bailey.
- Reporter, Mrs. Pitts.
- Social Committee, Mrs. McIntyre.
- Relief Committee, Mrs. Dettler.
- Music Committee, Miss Lily Graham Allen.
- Membership, Miss Ethel Blake and Miss Katherine Goodman.
- Hustling, Miss Beulah Williams.
- Secret Service, Mrs. Dettler.

KONICAL KEYSTONE KENEDY

The Keystone Kompany are presenting their 2 Reel Feature "Zu-Zu, The Bandleader" at "The Rex" tonight. "Zu-Zu has produced a sensation among the lovers of Comedy wherever produced.