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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Large Enthusiastic Gathering of Sunday School Workers at Burnt Cabins Last Week.

The twenty-third annual convention of Sunday-school workers held at Burnt Cabins last Thursday and Friday under auspices of the Fulton County Sunday School Association, was one of the best in the history of that organization. A large number of the leading County workers were present, and from start to finish the sessions were full of enthusiasm and practical work. The proverbial hospitality of the good people of the Cabins was never more marked and the delightful manner in which all visitors were entertained was such as to make them sorry when the time came to leave.

Thirteen years had elapsed since the County convention was last held at that place; and the fact that six of those who took a prominent part in its work, namely, B. C. Dawney, H. H. Woodal, Roland Austin, Thomas B. Huston, James C. Austin, and Rev. J. R. Croft had been called to rest from their labors in this world, vividly called attention to the changes that are going on.

The first session was held in the Methodist Episcopal church Thursday afternoon. B. W. Peck president, Miss Mary Sloan of McConnellsburg, acting as recording secretary.

The following is a synopsis of the work:

An address of hearty welcome was made by H. H. Hertzler who for fifty years has been closely identified with the work at Burnt Cabins. Owing to the absence of W. H. Spangler to whom the duty had been assigned, the response was made by Hon. S. P. Wishart of Wells Tannery, whose life has been devoted to the advancement of the work. This was followed by short pointed addresses by Hon. S. L. Buckley, M. R. Shaffner, Esq., and Rev. A. D. McCloskey.

The Moral Influence of the Sunday school on the community was discussed by A. U. Nace, J. G. Cunningham, and the Home Study of the Lesson by S. L. Buckley, Rev. H. W. Seifert, and A. U. Nace.

The following delegates were then enrolled: Big Cove Tannery, Rev. Lewis Chambers and Geo. W. Glenn; Cito, M. R. Shaffner; Fort Littleton, Misses Mayne and Fraker; Green Hill Presbyterian, Miss Lydia Mann, Nellie Daniels; Asbury, C. B. Hockensmith; Sideling Christian church, Miss Margaret Daniels; McConnellsburg Reformed, Mrs. J. A. Irwin, Miss Alice Hoke; McConnellsburg M. E., Rev. A. D. McCloskey and A. U. Nace; McConnellsburg Pres., Misses Emily Greathhead and Mary Scott Sloan; Bethel, J. G. Cunningham and Wm. Alloway; Wells Tannery, Misses Cora Stunkard and Maude Baumgardner; Pine Grove, Misses Mary Moseby and Mary Greenland.

Thursday evening session was held in the Presbyterian church which was packed to its utmost seating capacity. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. McCloskey. How to Get the Adult Members of the Church into the Sunday school, was discussed by Rev. Gordon, Rev. Seifert, Rev. Chambers, Mr. Shaffner and Mr. Wishart. The speakers very ably and earnestly spoke of the importance of the attendance of the adult members and the influence against the cause of Christ that was exerted by their thus practically ignoring one of the institutions of the church, but the "How" to get people to see their duty in this matter still remains an open question for future convention orators.

The Chair then announced the following committees: On nomination—A. U. Nace, S. P. Wishart, Caleb Hockensmith, Miss Margaret Daniels and Anna Doran.

Finance—H. Hertzler, Jacob

Strait, M. R. Shaffner.

Auditing Committee—Rev. H. W. Seifert, S. A. Nesbit, and Miss Anna Spear.

Friday morning session was held in the M. E. church and the devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Chambers.

Importance of Regular Attendance of the Teacher, was discussed by Mr. Strait, Mr. Hertzler, Mr. Wishart, Rev. Melroy, Rev. D. W. Kelso, Mr. Nace, and Mr. Shaffner.

The Primary Teacher, was most intelligently discussed by Misses Mary Sloan and Annie Doran with added remarks by Mr. Wishart and Rev. Kelso.

Music as a Factor in Religious Training, was ably discussed by Miss Alice Wishart, and followed by Rev. McCloskey, Geo. W. Hays, Rev. Gordon, and Mr. Shaffner.

How to Keep the Music Books from being Carried off, seemed to be a subject that interested nearly every superintendent. No one seemed to know just how to remedy it. The fact seemed to remain, however, that people whose presence in your homes would cause you no uneasiness as to your valuables, would not hesitate to borrow a music book when you weren't lookin'!

The committee on nomination reported as follows and the report was accepted by the convention—president, B. W. Peck; vice president, J. G. Cunningham; recording secretary, Miss Maude Baumgardner; permanent secretary, M. R. Shaffner; treasurer, Dr. J. W. Mosser. Executive committee, Geo. W. Hays, Rev. C. M. Smith, and Geo. W. Reinsner.

Wells Tannery was selected as the place for the convention of 1903.

Friday afternoon's session was held in the Presbyterian church, Rev. Melroy conducting the devotional services.

Is There a Lack of Spirituality in the Sabbath school? was discussed by Mr. Hays, Miss Rilla Doran, and Rev. McCloskey, and The Superintendent was discussed by Rev. Kelso. Rev. Mr. Finney of Orbisonia was present and favored the convention with a very practical talk.

On motion made Thursday afternoon by Rev. McCloskey, a committee was appointed to consider whether it might not be advisable to make some change in the manner of raising contributions from the schools for County and State work. The committee, reported against any change from the present method.

Friday evening the session was held in the M. E. church and Rev. Seifert conducted the song service. The subject Adult Teaching was opened by Mr. Nace, and followed by Mr. Shaffner, Mr. Hays, Rev. McCloskey, Rev. Chambers and others.

The music at all the sessions was excellent and reflects great credit on the local talent. Among the visitors who added to the pleasure of the music loving were Miss Kegatrice and Miss Elliott of Fannettsburg, and Miss Greathhead and Miss McCloskey of McConnellsburg.

Persimmon Ridge. Children's Service at Hustontown was quite a success.

Rev. Melroy and family visited B. A. Deaver recently.

Robert Huston of Clear Ridge was the guest of his father a few days ago.

Mrs. B. A. Deaver visited her daughter Mrs. A. G. Heaton and W. E. Deaver.

Wilson Cutchall is still in poor health.

Andy Bolinger's new house is about completed.

Humphrey Aler is all smiles—it's a "rabbit hunter."

Miss Rebecca Sipes was a guest of H. B. Huston a few days last week.

Michael Long and grandson visited Mrs. Henry Long.

Mrs. A. G. Heaton visited Michael Laidig's family recently.

B. A. Deaver has completed a new mill ready for moving and he and his son William went to Waynesboro to purchase a new engine.

WHOSE FAULT IS IT?

Complaints That The News Does Not Reach Subscribers in Time.

Complaints come to us occasionally that the Fulton County News is late reaching some of the postoffices in the county.

Now, the "News" is mailed at McConnellsburg so as to reach the following offices in this county on Thursday: Amaranth, Akersville, Burnt Cabins, Buck Valley, Clear Ridge, Covalt, Emmaville, Crystal Springs, Dickey's Mountain, Dott, Enid, Franklin Mills, Gem, Gracy, Hustontown, Laidig, Lashley, Locust Grove, McKibbin Needmore, New Grenada, Plum Run, Sideling Hill, Sipes Mill, Warfordsburg, Wells Tannery, West Dublin and Waterfall.

There is but one of the 39 post-offices in the county that should receive the Fulton County News later than Thursday—that is Dublin Mills, and that is chargeable to the mail routes and, of course, no fault of ours. The Dublin Mills pack leaves McConnellsburg on Wednesday afternoon, goes over to Harrisonville, and waits until after dinner Thursday. It then makes a trip of five miles Thursday afternoon, and stops over with the good people of Hustontown until Friday morning, when it goes out to Dublin Mills.

Our subscribers in New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburg, get the News earlier than Dublin Mills—some 17 or 18 miles away from the county seat.

For the lower end of the county, the News leaves McConnellsburg Wednesday afternoon, goes to Big Cove Tannery, stays all night and Thursday morning goes to Hancock. Then, there is no reason in the world why it should not go out with the carriers in the afternoon to all points in Union and Bethel.

We are informed that the "News" pack did not reach Dott postoffice recently, until the Monday evening of the week following its publication.

The mail for Brush Creek and Wells leaves here at 3:20 Wednesday afternoon. Where there is delay in the News reaching your office, we shall be glad to be notified.

Needmore.

The farmers are beginning to cut grain. The crop is a very light one.

T. P. Garland is building a new house on his farm south of Water st. The Squire will move from "Puffinburger Row" as soon as the building is completed.

Emanuel Sharp and family accompanied by Misses Hart and Beach, were visiting friends at Warfordsburg the first of this week.

School has closed and the town seems "Hushed in silence"—only one loafer being on the "boards" Saturday evening.

Lee W. Funk and Phil Hann were at Waynesboro where they purchased a new thrasher. Lee knows what good machinery is, and how to take care of it.

Miss Jessie Geinger, who has been at "Uncle" John Shafer's for some time, has gone home on a visit.

P. N. Runyan who has been in Philadelphia for some time has returned.

New Grenada.

Dr. Robert M. Hunter of Cassville spent Sunday with the family of H. H. Berdostine.

"Auntie" Rachael Bergstresser of Waterfall, is spending a week with friends at New Grenada.

J. A. McDonough, Esq., delegate to the Democratic State Convention at Erie this week, started on Monday for that place.

Harry Ehrenfeld and his bride, of Altoona, are spending a few days of their wedding tour with friends here.

Scott Bolinger purchased a fine buggy, recently.

That old time music book—seemingly lost trace of for a short time—has edged up at N. G. Cunningham's, and Newt can now teach music to a new 12-pound boy. It beats the baud the way he is throwing the cigars out to the boys.

J. G. Cunningham, Wm. Alloway, and Thomas Ramsey were New Grenada representatives at the Sunday school Convention at Burnt Cabins last week. All came home highly pleased with what they saw and learned.

Samuel Houpp met with a painful accident on Tuesday. He was assisting A. D. Keith to build a porch. In the act of driving a spike, by some means the hatchet flew from his right hand and the blade struck across the knuckles of his left hand, cutting a deep gash, severing the ligaments of two joints and slicing a portion of the bone off, allowing the joint fluid to escape. Mr. Houpp has a very sore hand, and perhaps a crippled one. Dr. Campbell rendered necessary surgical aid.

Mrs. Jacob Deavor of Waterfall is seriously ill, and has been for sometime. Dr. Tennyson Deavor of Syracuse, N. Y., was summoned on Friday, and on Sunday morning consulted with the attending physician Dr. R. B. Campbell. We have not learned the result of their consultation.

The sad intelligence reached here on Monday last of the death of Earl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Houpp of Hollidaysburg, and nephew of Samuel Houpp at this place. For the benefit of the News' readers who know these people, we enclose a newspaper clipping which more fully explains. He was buried at Shy Beaver, Huntingdon county, on Tuesday. Here is the clipping—

"Ignoring the warnings of companions who knew that he could not swim, Earl Houpp, 22 years old, of Hollidaysburg, leaped into a pool in the ore hole near Ant Hill, and after struggling unsuccessfully in water 20 feet deep was dragged under and drowned."

Clear Ridge.

June 19—Miss Minnie Grove and Lloyd Flemming have been seriously ill the past week.

Sam'l M. Clevenger the book agent from Needmore was here last week taking orders for books.

Scott Unger accompanied by his cousins, Misses Belle and Lizzie Henry, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents near McConnellsburg.

Mr. Rosenberry and daughter of Franklin county spent a day recently with R. J. Fields.

Prof. Palmer of Needmore passed through here Saturday.

Amos Sipes and wife of Fort Littleton, spent Sunday with John Henry and wife.

Bert Winegardner, accompanied by Miss Elsa Baker, also Howard Kerliu and Mrs. Katie Baker, spent Sunday with Bert Henry's family at Knobsville.

Baldwin Fraker and Frank Locke of Fort Littleton, attended lodge here on Saturday night.

Elmer Helman of Roxbury, who has been a student at Mercersburg this spring, came over Saturday evening to Ephraim Anderson's and will spend a part of his vacation on this side of the mountain.

Howard Denisar who was lately working at Orbisonia, returned home.

A delightful birthday party was held at the Huston home it being in honor of the youngest daughter Miss Lois's ninth birthday.

Prof. J. B. Holland of Blair county was drawing the bow on the violin for his friends here one day last week.

Harvey and Viola Stevens—also Rannells and Sadie Wilson, spent Saturday and Sunday with Charley Wilson at Dry Run.

Walter Brown was unfortunate last week in having his middle finger badly mashed.

J. H. Flemming, wife and son Carroll, of Sattilo spent Sunday with his brother at this place.

Mrs. Jennie Miller of near Hustontown, spent Tuesday in town.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Editor Barron Writes of McConnellsburg Teachers and Schools.

EDITOR NEWS: In this article I will speak of the schools and teachers of McConnellsburg of fifty years ago.

The only public school building at that time was the Stone school house, which had been in use for many years before—how long I do not know, it was originally built by the Presbyterian church and if I am not mistaken was still owned by it, at the time I attended school there. I presume it has been turned into something else or torn down long ere this. It stood in what is now the Presbyterian graveyard.

I could recall many amusing incidents that happened in and around the old stone house, but it will make this article too long to go into details and, perhaps, not be interesting to any but the participants most of whom, no doubt, have now passed away.

The lower room was occupied by the small scholars, and the second story by those more advanced. When I first entered the school the upper room was not occupied, and we were all together in the lower room. The teacher was Andrew Irwin. Who is there of the older people of McConnellsburg, who have grown up there, that has not been a pupil of Andrew Irwin? He had taught there for many years before I became his pupil—how many I do not know. He was then about fifty years of age—had never married—and was one of the finest amateur performers on the violin I have ever heard. It seemed to me he could bring out tones of sweetness that no one else could, and his manipulation of the bow was so easy and natural that the music seemed to come without effort. Many a time have I lingered as I passed his home, to hear the sweet strains of his violin. As a teacher he was gentle and kind, yet firm and insistent on discipline. I was in his room but one winter, as the next year the upper room was opened for the more advanced pupils and I was transferred there.

I think the next teacher I went to was Calvin Fletcher. He, as you all know, was a graduate of West Point and well qualified to teach. He was of a very easy kind disposition, and I fear we often took advantage of his good nature. The custom of barring out the teacher was then in vogue, and we tried it on him at Christmas time. I was a participant in that, and have often felt ashamed of it; but he took it good naturedly and treated us, and gave us a week's holiday. Another teacher we had was James McDowell who came over from Greencastle and taught our school. He was quite an old man, and in wretched health—was, in fact, not physically able to conduct a school; but had been, for many years, a successful teacher. In appearance, he looked like a walking skeleton; and I often pitied him when I saw how feeble he looked. Previously he had come over and taught a singing geography class in a room in Mrs. Sterret's stone house. We had large outline maps hung up on the wall, and we learned geography by singing over the names of countries with their divisions, mountains, lakes, rivers, &c., as they were pointed out on the map.

Other teachers that we had were, a German Reformed minister by the name of Heller, and E. G. Day. Mr. Heller was by far the strictest teacher we had while I went to school there. He believed in the diligent use of the rod to make pupils behave; but it was conscientiously administered, and I have no doubt we deserved all we got. We all felt that he earnestly desired our good, and hence we could do nothing but respect him. E. G. Day was the lawyer I have spoken of in a former article. He was the last teacher I went to

in the old stone house. He was a little strict, too, and we thought best to keep on the good side of him. I think he taught two winters.

Teaching in those days had not been reduced to any kind of system as it is now. The methods were crude and haphazard; in fact, there was no method at all. You just gathered up what books you had and went to school. You were put to working out sums in arithmetic. If you got into a tight place, the teacher was called on to help you out. There was no classification at all. Each fellow tried to see how far along he could get in the arithmetic or the grammar before the term was out. You might go as far along in the book in a day as you could, or you might do as little as the teacher would let you off with. But the teachers generally, under the conditions, did the best they could. The time simply hadn't come for the waking up of the modern spirit of improvement in methods of teaching. Yet with all the crudeness in teaching, there were not wanting many who made the best of such advantages as they had and will probably compare favorably with the products of the public schools of the present day.

In closing, I wish to correct a misprint of the name of A. H. Cline. I think I wrote it "Ham" as that was what we called him, but it was printed Hiram—probably my fault in not writing it distinctly.

Rev. Bell's Son Drowned.

The many friends in this county of Rev. L. Carmon Bell, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Greencastle, will learn with sorrow of the drowning of his 15-year old son Frank at New Wilmington Pa., last Thursday evening. The facts as given by the Valey Spirit are as follows:

"On Thursday night about 9 o'clock, Frank Bell accompanied by several of his colleagues, walked to a creek near New Wilmington to have a swim. The water was deep at some places and it was while young Bell was swimming in water from six to eight feet in depth that he was suddenly attacked with cramps. Shrieking he attracted the attention of one of his companions who swam to his side to give assistance. No sooner had the companion arrived in reaching distance when Bell grabbed him about the neck and both disappeared beneath the surface. In a short time the companion liberated himself from the drowning lad's grasp, reappeared and with assistance was able to land safely on shore. Young Bell did not come for several minutes and when assistance reached him he was drowned.

He was removed to the home of his grandparents with whom he lived and his body prepared for burial.

The funeral took place at Greencastle Monday morning, Revs. Norcross of Carlisle, and West of McConnellsburg officiating.

The unfortunate lad had been at New Wilmington at school, and intended leaving for home the next day; and would have entered Westminster college, New Wilmington, next September.

Miss Elizabeth Patterson of Webster Mills, who three years ago so delighted the State Pharmaceutical Association as a vocal Soloist at their convention at Penmar, has accepted an invitation to sing before them this week where they are in convention again at Penmar.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Mann of Saluvia, Fulton county, were guests at the home of their son, L. C. Mann a few days the past week. Miss Miriam Mann accompanied them home and will spend a part of the summer with her grandparents.—Everett Press.

COUNTY FUNDS SAFE.

Ex-Deputy Treasurer the Only Loser.

That there may not be any misapprehension in regard to the robbery at the county treasurer's office last week, we find upon inquiry that none of the county funds were taken. George B. Daniels is occupying the county treasurer's office for the practice of law.

During the three years ending with January last, Mr. Daniels was deputy county treasurer. When the office changed hands, there was an old shot bag containing a couple of hundred pennies that belonged to the County, and George just passed over a two dollar bill and kept the pennies for Sunday school money.

It never occurred to him that anyone would break into the Court House for a penny; and so he kept them in one of the drawers, not even locking the drawer. In fact, on this particular evening, he had not even taken the precaution of closing the shutters or tacking the screen out of the window.

The rest of the story was told last week. Some fellow came along removed the screen, went in took the pennies, and—went out. That's all.

"Aunt Dolly" Gough Dead.

Mrs. Dorothy Gough, familiarly known as "Aunt Dolly," died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jas. Ashmore, near Oakland, Ill., Sunday June 15, 1902 aged 78 years, 2 months, and 21 days.

The funeral services were conducted in the Cumberland Presbyterian church, by Rev. Allison, after which the remains were interred in the Oakland cemetery.

Mrs. Gough was the daughter of John Fisher, Sr., late of this county. She was born and reared in Pigeon Cove. In 1847 she was married to John Gough.

In youth she united with the Tonoloway Baptist church in which faith she lived a consistent Christian life.

Mrs. Gough was severely afflicted with paralysis for a number of years, a part of which time she was entirely helpless, but the patience and fortitude with which she bore her afflictions could only impress one with the strong christian character she possessed.

She was the mother of eight children, six of whom survive her; she also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Deitrich, of Franklin county, and Mrs. Jas. O'Rourke, of Thompson, and one brother, Joseph Fisher, of Bethel, besides a number of grand and great-grand-children, and a host of relatives and friends who will miss her. "For her place will be vacant.

Hustontown.

Miss Addie Forner and her brother Ira, have returned from their visit in Belfast, accompanied by Miss Laura Deshong, who is spending some time with Addie near Hustontown.

There will be preaching in the M. E. church at Hustontown, Saturday evening 28th inst., and on Sunday at 10 o'clock by Rev. S. L. Baugher of Needmore.

Now, for something else. Who will answer? An old man being asked how old he was, replied: The united age of my son and myself is 109 years; that of my son and grandson, is 56; that of my grandson and myself, is 89. What is the age each?

A family party consisted of 1 grandfather, 1 grandmother, 2 fathers, 2 mothers, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 1 brother, 2 sisters, 1 father-in-law, 1 mother-in-law, 1 daughter-in-law,—in all, there were 7 persons. How can this statement be true?

Olle Taylor is home. Cecil Kline was at the festival at Knobsville Saturday evening.

N. F. Sharpe is home from Kearney.

Measles have disappeared in Hustontown.