

Menola School History, Needs And Opportunities Portrayed By Pupils

In last week's issue of the HERALD, the order of a program rendered at the Menola school was published. Space requirements did not allow us to publish the full content of the program.

History of School

The first building that was used for school that I can find any record of was erected in 1833 and was situated near Benthall's bridge. It was called Warrick's school. This was a very poor structure, a one room log cabin. It did not even have any windows, only one door, a shutter like blind, which was used for admittance of light, also writing desk. The teacher would make pens for the children from goose quills with which to write. There was a large fireplace at one end of the building. The only teachers which I can find any record of were, Robert Cobb, John Lewis Snipes, Miss Hutchins, Janie Chetty and Rawley Parker. School was taught here until 1861. There Miss Mary Ann Brown taught school in a very small house, almost opposite Jake Parker's house today, for almost five years. In 1867 a free school was erected opposite Mrs. Laura Parker's house. This was only in session for about two months per year. Misses Deborah and Mary Ann Peele taught here. This was closed in 1873. In 1874 Mr. William Brown taught a private school at his house where Mr. H. G. Snipes now lives. But anybody who could pay their tuition could attend. At the same time there was also a free school at Star College where the colored people now attend school and at Cobb's School near the Benthall place. In 1878 Mr. Sophronia Brown opened a subscription school on the present church grounds. She had never been to this community before she was married and realizing the ignorance of the place she therefore determined to do all in her power to educate the people as best she could. She taught in a one room building for a period of five years without any assistant. She had so few pupils that she taught only what she deemed necessary. But in 1883 her husband turned the building around and added another room, then Miss Alice Copeland from near Seaboard assisted her. During the following years of her teaching the following assisted her: Misses Alice Winalow, Annie Blair, Addie White, Parthenia Henly, Dr. J. L. Outland and Prof. Gates. There Mrs. Brown resigned and Miss Parthenia Henly took the principal's place with Miss Mary Dilday, assistant. Menola then had no church and the school building was used for church, Sunday School, societies, weddings, etc. The next teachers who taught here were Miss Amy Steven with Misses Della and Kitty Snipes, assistant. In 1893 a building was erected on the present site. Here the following teachers taught: Mrs. Frank Blair, Miss E. V. Chetty, Prof. Litiner and Mr. Thompson. In 1898 the house was burned and they were forced to return to the old building on the church grounds. Here taught Misses Kate Newsome, Mae Williams, Brownie Lambertson, Annie Parker, Fannie and Lena Gary, Ovie Little, Arra and Myrtle Bolling, Mattie Sykes, Effie Sumner, Nettie Britt, Mary Eley, Virginia Taylor, Bessie and Lettie Parker, Essie Wynne, Ruth Peele, Elizabeth Pritchard, Elizabeth Snipes, Rossie Avery, Etta Banks, Zola Harrell, Mabel Lawrence, Hettie Blanchard, Kate Story, Mr. Wallace Edwards, Misses Josie Cowan, Retta Griffin and Estelle Beale.

In 1919 a new building was erected on the same site where the one was that was burned. This is a large two-story building, has a nice stage equipped with pretty curtains, rugs, chairs, etc. Misses Janie Brown, Elizabeth Griffin, Ruby Myers and Vernie Stephenson have taught here. The present teachers are Mr. A. G. Otwell, Misses Bertie Northcott and Jessie Cowper.

We have a basket-ball court, a tennis court, and a truck to bring the children to and from school. This is also a group center school.

Famous Men of Menola (By Ethel Willoughby) The roll-call of all the boys and

girls who have received instruction at Menola High School is indeed a long one, too long in fact to be considered with in the limit of one short paper. I shall therefore confine myself to the Menola boys who have since become professional men in the various walks of life.

In scanning the list of names I am forcibly impressed by the number of physicians whom our little community has sent out into the world. Among them find the name of Dr. James Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Parker who received his professional training at Baltimore Medical College and is now a reputable physician located at Clereton, N. C.

Dr. Clifton Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Council Parker received his degree at University College of Medicine, now Medical College of Virginia at Richmond, and his service is a blessing to our country-side for miles around.

Dr. Paul Brittle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brittle also received his training at University College of Medicine and is now located at Conway, N. C. A few years later Dr. W. Raleigh Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Parker, after graduating at Medical College of Virginia took up the practice of medicine in his native town.

Dr. Clayton W. Eley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Eley, received his professional training at University of Philadelphia. He now has a very successful practice in Portsmouth, Va.

Dr. Vernon L. Eley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Eley, a brother of Dr. Clayton Eley, completed the medical course at our state university and later received his degree at Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, Pa. He is serving at Municipal Hospital of Philadelphia at this writing.

Aside from the above mentioned representatives Menola has able sons whose lives bless the world as ministers of the gospel. Prominent among this group is Rev. C. J. D. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Council Parker, who is an eminent divine in the city of Danville, Va. After leaving Menola High School he received further training for his life work at Wake Forest College and at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Kentucky. Just at this time Mr. Parker has under consideration an important charge in the city of Richmond, Va. Rev. Asa Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Parker, a former student at Menola, was trained for the ministry at Trinity College, North Carolina and later became one of the most powerful ministers in the Methodist denomination of the state. In the list of preachers we find also the name of Rev. Lloyd Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Council Parker, a Wake Forest graduate who later received his theological degree from the Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky. He now has charge of a church at Dayton, Kentucky. In the profession of dentistry our community has two representatives. Dr. W. E. Snipes, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Snipes, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Snipes and Dr. J. W. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brown. The former of Franklin, Va., and the latter of Rich Square, N. C. Both of these received their D. D. S. degree at N. C. M., Richmond. Menola has one licensed pharmacist in the person of Mr. P. V. Chetty, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Chetty now located in Edenton, N. C. Our community is also represented in the legal profession by Attorney Edgar T. Snipes, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Snipes, the former is a prominent lawyer of Philadelphia. Mr. Snipes holds diplomas from Westtown Boarding School, University of North Carolina, Guilford College, N. C. and Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana. In the teaching profession Mr. Robert Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brown is one of our representatives. After graduating at Guilford College he taught for two years at the State School for Blind, Raleigh, and is now principal of the High School at Winton, this county, for the third year. Menola has about thirty college graduates and that is a most unusual showing for a country community.

School Song In Hertford County in the Old North State There is a school that's up-to-date. Chorus Bye, baby bye, O baby bye, Good bye my lover, good bye. Mr. Otwell's room is out of sight They'll always do the thing up right. Chorus An there's the Latin class Those girls and boys you can't surpass. Chorus Miss Cowper's room just can't be beat Her children are so smart and sweet. Chorus Miss Northcott's children too, are fine

In primary work they lead the line. Chorus. And so, although we are not many We'll do our part as well as any. Chorus.

School Roll (By Emma Britton) A—is for Anderson Joseph by name; We have no doubts, Of his great fame. B—is for Britton, Baker, Butler and Brown, We are still sure to smile, When they are around. And then come the Britts, Raymond and Bill. It takes a good teacher To keep them still. And also the Blows, Two girls and one boy, Although they're not small, They are chock full of joy. The Cowan girls Don't look like twins But we always see them Neat as pins. Now one more Cowan And little Chittys, four. When the school bell rings They're at the door. Three more jolly ones We must add, Elizabeth and Montgomery, And Ray the sad. Then Anna Higgs Griffith, Tho but a small mite Keeps her tongue going From morn till night. The Jordans three Come next in line Although they're small Their work is fine. Then Odell Liverman, You surely must know Will always be here, If the wind don't blow. An then there is Therrell So rosy and red, We always admire him For what he has said. Then Otwell and Outlands Ada, Mandra, and Glen. We are glad to see them When they come at ten. The P. stand for Parkers, The short and the long. If you give them a chance They'll sing you a song. The Snipes are next Some short and some tall. They come in the spring And they come in the fall. Then Sarah Leigh Vick From Virginia came Just to tell us Of its fame. And then there is Olie Of basket ball fame Whose highest ambition Is to change her name. Then last Ethel Willoughby, Tho she came from miles Has already begun To win many smiles.

School Trail (By Intermediate Grades) Vacation days are over, and we've gone back to work. We're going to do the best we can and never shirk. It's a long, long trail to knowledge, but we're going to see it through. Dear teachers, we are going down this long, long trail with you.

Why Menola Isn't An Ideal School (By Sarah Leigh Vick) Menola with a little improvement would soon be an ideal school. But it is lacking in this because the people and the committee will not take interest in the school. Menola School should have a library. If it can't afford to have a large expensive one, it should have a small one. It needs a library so as to have good books to read and also refer to them about our lessons. Every one's mind, old or young can be improved by reading good literature. The people in science could learn lots more and would understand the methods of science better, the school would have a laboratory put in. A laboratory is needed because of the experiences in science. It is absolutely impossible to teach anything except the theory of science. A third reason why Menola school is not an ideal school is because the committees will not visit the school. By their not coming to the school, even once a month, causes them not to see the needs of the school. The parents are lacking in this respect also. They should visit the school and see how the work is being carried on and how and what their children are doing. Another reason why it can't be come an ideal school is because it doesn't have a certain average attendance. This is caused by lack of interest on the parents part sometimes, and then again, the child does not care about getting an education and therefore thinks coming to school is unnecessary. The school rooms are lacking in the following respects. First: The doors should swing out instead of in. Second: There ought to be a transom over every door. Both these would help the looks of the rooms. Then there is the auditorium. We could not give a play during the winter months because we have no heating system. Next we need a flag

pole. We should have one to be able to fly the flag on patriotic days. We also need more equipment for the playground. A few shade trees here and there would improve the looks of the grounds. If there were a few flower beds, for instance, cannas would help the looks of the grounds, as the no-fence law has been passed the people of Menola could beautify the grounds by planting a hedge all around the school. To do this it would only take a little interest, energy, and maybe a little bit of money. Thus making Menola an ideal school of Hertford County.

Needs of the School (Retha Cowan) The needs of Menola School are many. First of all we need the school board and the parents to visit us and tell us our mistakes or offer us some suggestions. We need shade trees for our playground because in the fall and spring it is too warm to stay in the sun very long. We need a good library to help us in our studies for very often in our text books, our teacher gives us something to read in connection with our lesson. We need the people of the community to become interested in the school and send their children every day, and unless this is done our school will be trown back with only one or two teachers. We ought to have another teacher because we have so many grades we do not have time to have all the lessons every day. We ought to have a music teacher and at least all the girls take music because we are liable to be called on any time to play and sometimes we need to play for the school when the teachers cannot play. As we have electric lights in our auditorium we need a light plant of our own, so we can use it when we please without bothering anybody. We need a domestic science teacher because when we learn domestic science we have learned something that will help us always.

'Til Summer Comes Again' (By School) Smile the while we study hard each day— When our work is over, we will play. Then our days are full of joy down in old Menola dearie. School bells ring each morning merrily. Summer days are but a memory. So smile and work each happy day, 'Til they come again.

The Best (By Elizabeth Forbes) Do you know the grandest State In our Union, strong and great, 'Tis North Carolina. From Hatteras to the Golden Gate? Of all her counties, would you know, Where sunshine has a warmer glow? And where the breezes gently blow? It's Hertford County. And what's the best and fairest town That you can find for miles around, Although you wonder up and down? Why, 'tis Menola. And would you have me tell you what Is Menola's most important spot? Why surely, 'tis the playground lot. Where stands the schoolhouse. And in the school, what is the part, That twines most closely round my heart, Although them I'll soon depart? The Intermediate children. And my steps I ne'er retrace, Each dear familiar little face In memory shall hold a place, Always and forever. —Written by Miss Jessie Cowper.

A Sonnet Menola woods are Brown and serene Said Ethel to Emma one day Then answered Marvin, "I'm sure my dear, It's time to be up and away." The South winds Blow with pleasure Over all the pasture green And the song of the busy wood Snip—er Is loud and sharp and keen. Said Joseph as he closed the door And I know where you'll find him said Retha, Just trot right down to the store. I've read somewhere said Elsie That to the Vick—tor belongs the spoils. But I rather guess, says Ray They belong to he who tolls. At last Anna Higgs spoke up and said, I've lost one of my shoes, Well then the laughing girls replied Why don't you borrow Fitzugh's? A. G. Otwell.

Ambitions of High School Room Ethel Willoughby, to capture Fitzugh. Jesse Brown, to go Snipe hunting. Ann a Higgs, either to get so she can talk or get Roy so that he can Ray Forbes, to find a barrel to hold his knowledge. Roy Baker, to be a yodler. Gertude Snipes, to live in Raleigh or George. Elsie Cowan, to reduce. Joseph Anderson, to butcher the alphabet. Fitzugh Parker, to sell Vick's

salve. James Robert Brown, to find a substitute for the expression, "I don't know." Retha Cowan, to be popular. Virgie Cowan, to snipe. Virgie Blow, to learn to paint. Sarah Lee Vick, to have her way. Emma Britton, to marry a brown-eyed man. Marvin Britton, to earn enough to support two. —A. G. Otwell.

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NOTICE By authority of deed of trust, J. W. Brown and wife Mae, to the undersigned Trustee, executed 18 November, 1922, recorded Hertford county, North Carolina, book 76, page 1, made for the purpose securing indorsers therein named, they having been called upon and having assumed payment of note therein referred to, and at request of said indorsers, beneficiaries, I shall sell, for cash, at court house door, Hertford county, Winton, N. C., between the hours of eleven and one o'clock, on

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 1922, Land conveyed in said deed of trust, and therein described. Located North Carolina, Hertford county, Maney's Neck Township, beginning at a post oak, near the Meherrin river; thence along the edge of the road (124) one hundred and twenty four feet to a stake; thence parallel to the said river, one hundred and sixty feet (160) to a stake; one hundred and thirty eight feet (138) to a Spanish oak on the bank of the said river; thence to the said river and down the said river to the starting point, containing one-half acre more or less and known as the "Sears Wharf Property." Place sale; Court House Door, Winton, N. C. Time sale; Friday, April 20, 1923. Terms; Cash. This the 18th day of March, 1923. A. PILSTON GODWIN, Trustee. 3-16-23-4t.

Queer Feelings "Some time ago, I was very irregular," writes Mrs. Corna Robie, of Pikeville, Ky. "I suffered a great deal, and knew I must do something for this condition. I suffered mostly with my back and a weakness in my limbs. I would have dreadful headaches. I had hot flashes and very queer feelings, and oh, how my head hurt! I read of

NOTICE OF RE-SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST By virtue of the powers contained in a certain deed of trust executed on the 20th day of December, 1919 by J. E. Newsome to W. L. Curtis, Trustee, which deed of trust is recorded in the Register of Deeds office for Hertford County in book 68, on page 60; the conditions contained in said deed of trust having not been complied with and on request of the holder, the undersigned trustee will therefore, on the

14th DAY OF APRIL, 1923 Offer for re-sale to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the U. S. Post Office in the town of Ahooskie, N. C., county of Hertford, the following tract of land to-wit: That certain tract of land lying and being in Hertford County, N. C., adjoining the lands of D. P. Baker's heirs, Alice Riddick, and others, bounded as follows, viz: On the North by the lands of Chas. or Alice Riddick and D. P. Baker heirs, on the East by the lands of D. P. Baker heirs, and F. G. Taylor, on the West by the lands of T. E. Browne and Pless or Alice Riddick, on the South by County Road leading from Ahooskie to St. Johns; which is all the land on the North side of said road purchased by J. D. Sessoms from J. H. Mitchell and wife on January 1, 1915, known as the Riddick farm except that part of said land sold by A. W. Greene and J. E. Newsome to F. G. Taylor. Time of sale—April 14, 1923, between the hours of 12 m. and 1:00 o'clock p. m. Place of sale—In front of U. S. Post Office, Ahooskie, N. C. Terms of sale—Cash. This 30 day of March, 1923. W. L. CURTIS, Trustee. 3-30-23-2t.

Queer Feelings (Continued) CARDUI The Woman's Tonic and of others, who seemed to have the same troubles I had, being benefited, so I began to use it. I found it most beneficial. I took several bottles . . . and was made so much better I didn't have any more trouble of this kind. It regulated me." CARDUI has been found very helpful in the correction of many cases of painful female disorders, such as Mrs. Robie mentions above. If you suffer as she did, take CARDUI—a purely vegetable, medicinal tonic, in use for more than 40 years. It should help you. Sold Everywhere.

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