

# WOOD DEPARTMENT

## WOOD

News of Wood and surrounding community.

Edited by Wood Citizens

### Sunday School

Well, on a rainy Sunday morning and a half hour earlier than usual our attendance Sunday was only 9 less than Sunday before last! That in one way sounds good, but if these nine stayed away on account of the weather we do not feel so good about it, but if for sickness we regret it, nevertheless, we feel that our attendance was good. Let's prepare on Saturday for a rainy Sunday and do not set at home afraid to get our feet wet. We have been on the upgrade for some time and we want to go higher each Sunday. Our collection also suffered. Perhaps the cloudy weather put a damper on our purses for we fell one dollar short. Let's do better next Sunday.

Please read the condensed reports and star classes. Can't any of you other classes take the banner from classes No. 6 and 4? These have had it long enough. We are proud of them but let's all be so perfect that each will be star classed. No. 6 again had the banner in attendance—only 3 absent. The Junior Baracas retained the lead in collection and bibles. Teachers and officers go to the teachers and officers of these two classes and find out how they do it. It is remarkable how No. 6 gets its members present. Mrs. Griffin is a wonderful teacher and we would like to know more about her methods. Let's learn!

Star classes—1. Attendance, No. 6, Mrs. M. T. Griffin teacher, only 3 absent. 2. Bibles brought, No. 4, Junior Baracas, brought 8 bibles. 3. Collection, No. 4, Junior Baraca, good but less than 56 cents coming up to last Sunday.

What did you think those beautiful badges or whatever they were the ladies of Class No. 2 were wearing last Sunday? The badges were beautiful ribbon with the letter R embroidered on it, the colors and insignia of their class. My, but they only signified that they glory in the name of Rebecca and in their class colors. It gives us joy to see such interest manifested. Rebecca you are workers. We are proud to belong to a Sunday school which numbers you as members. Keep your good work going and your lives will be made better and sweeter. We thank you for what you are doing. While we are mentioning the ladies class we can not overlook such a wonderful attendance last Sunday on the part of the Men's class, Class No. 1, of which Miss Pearl Gupton is teacher and Mr. Logan Gupton is president. They had 31 percent out of 41 enrolled. Let us tell you something, something has stirred these men for they tell us that the only thing we see wrong is that the Sunday school does not last from 2 to 3 hours. Glory to these men. They are doing good work. Continue men. Yours will be a grand and glorious reward.

Let's not forget teachers conference tonight at 7:30. It is important for everyone to be present. Miss Frye has consented to conduct the normal course study. We can not be standard unless we have normal diplomas. Don't forget the time and place.

Please bring all your families and friends to "Come and See" day Sunday at 10 o'clock. We meet a half hour sooner on account of preaching services. Do not forget the change in time. We begin when the bell ceases to ring.

Class No. 1—teacher present, scholars present 31, absent 10, visitors 4, collection \$1.87, bibles brought 5.

Class No. 2—teacher present, scholars present 15, absent 9, new scholars 2, visitors 1, collection \$0.60, bibles brought 7.

Class No. 3—teacher present, scholars present 13, absent 16, visitors 1, collection \$0.40, bibles brought 3.

Class No. 4—teacher present, scholars present 20, absent 5, collection \$2.00, bibles brought 8.

Class No. 5—teacher present, scholars present 22, absent 7, collection \$3.80, bibles brought 6.

Class No. 6—teacher present, scholars present 16, absent 3, collection \$0.40, bibles brought 4.

Class No. 7—teacher absent, scholars present 21, absent 10, collection \$2.00, bibles brought 1.

Total teachers and officers present 11, total scholars present 133, total visitors 6, total present 154, total absent 61, total enrollment 302, total collection \$6.00, total bibles brought 34.

**"COME AND SEE DAY," SEPT. 30.**  
 What? "Come and See Day." Where? In the Sunday School. When, Sunday, Sept. 30, 1923. Why? Come and See.  
 Regular Program  
 Opening Worship.  
 Lesson Period.  
 Classes reassemble.  
 Special Program  
 Spirit of State Missions—Pearlie Gupton.  
 Spirit of the Sunday School—Nancy Gupton.  
 Cradle Roll Babies.  
 Leaders of Cradle Roll Babies—Willmer Gupton and Doris Wester.  
 Greeting—Willmer Gupton and Doris Wester.  
 Song—"Rock the Cradle."  
 Beginners and Primaries—led by Anna Mae Sturgees and Mrs. Morris Griffin.

Song—"The Best Book"—Beginners and Primaries.  
 Poem—Anna Mae Sturgees.  
 Our Own State—Junior boys.  
 Song—"The King's Business"—Juniors.  
 Because of Me—a message from the Supt.—Dr. H. M. Beam.  
 Secretary's report—W. D. Fuller.  
 Announcements.  
 Song.  
 Dismissal.

People lets go out to see what the above program sounds like. The leaders inform us that it will be well worth your while every moment while you are there. The invitation is extended to everybody in all communities. This is our visitors day and we want our house full of people, and we insist on every member of Sunday school being present to help welcome the visitors. Infants, children, boys, girls, young men, young women, ladies, men, bachelors, afternoon sisters, parents, grandparents, great grandpa's; people young, middle aged, old, bald, grey haired, red headed, comely and ugly—everybody has a cordial invitation! Do not stay away! You will miss the greatest treat in your life.

**Prayer Meeting**  
 Three weekly prayer meetings were held under the direction of the B. Y. P. U. Wednesday night, Sept. 19th.  
 One was conducted by Miss Flora Frye at the home of Mrs. Jim Bradford. Irene P. Gupton conducted service at the home of Mrs. Lit Wester. Fifteen people were present and took part in prayer and singing. Cor. 13:13 was read and comments offered. Thoughts were brought to bear on the love for parents, friends, enemies, neighbors, country, and God. Closing song Love Lifted Me.

The other meeting was conducted by Miss Nancy Gupton and Mr. Alex Wester at the home of Mrs. D. K. Gupton.  
 On next Wednesday night, Sept. 26, at the home of Mrs. Bud Gupton. The prayer meeting will be led by Dr. Beam. Come to prayer meeting, it will do you good.

**W. M. S.**  
 Circles No. 1 and 2.  
 The circle plan is working beautifully so far. Circle No. 1 was organized at Mrs. Council Coley's home, Sept. 12, seven people were present. Leader Mrs. Charlie Denton, secretary-treasurer, Fannie Coley. They expect to have their first program Oct. 4th on Thursday afternoon, at 2:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. B. B. Burnette.

Circle No. 2 was organized at the church Sept. 19. Six members were enrolled. Mrs. H. R. Waters leader, Mrs. Coleman Denton secretary and treasurer. Circle No. 2 will have their first program on Monday afternoon, Oct. 1st, at 3 o'clock.

**B. Y. P. U.**  
 Last Sunday night everybody expected a perfectly splendid B. Y. P. U. program because Group No. 3 lead and they always stand. But even they missed the standard by having three on program absent. Miss Annie Rue Wood made a good lead-off though, and we enjoyed it. Next month is the beginning of the last quarter, and as a whole, our union is resolved to be A. 1. The new charts for each of the five groups will be up, and stars are ready for use. Let's see which group will be up and doing. Let's put some pep in this thing. Splizzerinkum! the world! There is talk of the Union giving a social in honor of the star group at the end of the quarter. Are you a loyal member? Then get to work. Do what ever your captain asks you to do. It will help you and all concerned. And don't forget your bible reading. Help the quiz leader and she will help you.

Each member of the Union is requested to be at Castalia Saturday evening at 7:30 September 29, for the purpose of getting suggestions and information that will benefit us and cause our work to advance. Means of conveyance will be provided for all who wish to go.

**As We Appeared to a Member of Our Faculty**  
 The sun was gradually reclining low in the west when I was invited to alight from a coupe to join a merry group gathered around a table in one of the village home. After having met the people, I was seated at the table which was loaded with many delicious eats. In a short while after supper, I went to the church where I heard a worth while B. Y. P. U. program given by the younger people of the surrounding community. Judging from the visit in this home and church, I expect to receive much enjoyment in the other homes and institutions of Wood.

**Prof. Mills at Community Picnic**  
 As announced our community gathered last Thursday on the school campus at 5 o'clock to enjoy a picnic. There was quite a gathering of both old and young to partake in this affair which meant a getting together of the people in social enjoyment. Games and yalls were indulged in by quite a number and they were not all left to the children, but older people as well forgot their number of years, and engaged heartily in playing until the hour approached for lunch. This was quite a feature of the afternoon, for who is it that does not enjoy food far more if spread on the ground and with appetites whetted by the fragrant smell of a picnic lunch. The eats were excellent and in such abundance that probably the health of some of us was endangered. However, the continued health of the people seem to prove that some of us at least are accustomed to eating quite an amount. It was very thoughtful of a few of the ladies to suggest sending a box of good things that were not needed there, to a sick lady, Mrs. Rosa Gupton. It was done, and that added a

great deal to the enjoyment of the evening.

After this feast while the moon was playing hide and seek behind the clouds we gathered in a bunch on the lawn where Prof. Mills of Louisburg High School after introduction by Dr. Beam, master of ceremonies, delivered to Miss Frye, as representative of the school, pictures of the former school facility, to be hung in the school building. After the delivering of the pictures we enjoyed an address by Prof. Mills, interspersed by his timely wit. He expressed his approval of the meeting; said it meant cooperation and good will; the people working together for a common end.

In an effort to improve the schools we meet the man who wants things to be as they were a generation ago. Then the roads were rough and not improved, means of travel and communication were inadequate. It took the news of the Battle of Lexington and Concord a month to reach Charlotte. The schools of that time were poorly housed, poorly equipped and of short terms. Often the teachers were men and women of splendid worth.

Today all of this has changed: Improved roads, better means of travel, transportation, and communication; the telegraph, the telephone, wireless telegraphy, the Radiophone, the daily newspaper.

Shall the schools keep up with the procession? Shall the schools fit boys and girls to live the happy and abundant life in this wonderful age? There is no thoughtful person who will reply in the negative.

How must this be done? By abandoning the one-room, short term school—Building consolidated schools with better houses, better equipment, longer terms, and a better trained teaching staff. The high school work will need to be done in a central high school with sufficient population in the surrounding districts to furnish enough patronage to support a high school. High school work in the two or three teacher high school is as a rule poorly done and terribly expensive.

To bring all of this about, there must be cooperation and lots of work. There must be people who are willing to lay aside selfish gain for the common good. Leaders who have the confidence of the community, leaders who are not easily discouraged.

Below we give a description of the picnic as it appeared to one of our young ladies. We appreciate her expressing it as she does and wish to encourage her and others to write short pieces for us at any time.

On Thursday evening at 5 o'clock, we had a picnic at the school building. There was a large crowd present. Every one enjoyed themselves splendidly. Supper was put together and served on the ground and it was enjoyed by each and every one. It was so nice of the people that took supper for them to think of a sick friend and relative. A nice box was fixed and taken to her (Mrs. Stephen Gupton) by Misses Nancy Gupton and Bertha Burnette and Mr. Floyd Griffin. Friends, it pays to remember the sick. It gladdens their hearts to send them a nice box flowers, or even to read or sing for them.

It was a pleasure to us to have Professor Mills of Louisburg with us, he made a splendid talk on schools. Every one enjoyed it and wish to have Prof. Mills with us again. Two of our former teachers that taught school here last year has presented their pictures to Wood school. They were given to Miss Frye on the night of the picnic to be put up in the school rooms. The children were happy as they played games, it has been a long time since they played at the school building. At the closing "Ho for Carolina" was sung by all. Lead by Miss Pearl Gupton. We hope to have another picnic soon. Viola Gupton.

**Wood School Opens With Good Attendance**

The Wood school opened Monday morning at 9 o'clock with an unusually large number of pupils, parents and friends present.

The attendance was largely due to the interest of the folks in the remarks Mr. Best was to make. In addition to Mr. Best's talk the audience enjoyed words from Dr. Beam, Mr. Fuller and Mr. Raynor. They all expressed the general sentiment of every one in regard to the development of a bigger and better school.

"What oft was thought, but ne'er so well expressed."

The idea of the importance of regular attendance was on the hearts and minds of every one. The decision of the part of the committee and parents to begin school earlier and close at 2:45 in the afternoon shows that the interest of the children is foremost in their hearts. This provision for gathering crops and keeping the children in school is proof that a strong spirit of cooperation exists in the community. The increase in the enrollment of students from eighty-three on Monday to eighty-nine on Tuesday is truly encouraging. We must not let our goal be less than an average of one hundred children. It would mean much to our children if they had the advantage of a larger number of teachers. Let us work together to keep the children we have and get others to join our ranks.

Supt. E. L. Best spoke along the following lines: Why the High School was established for the Sandy Creek-Gold Mine District. He stated that the Board of Education was simply doing for this district what it was doing for the other seven districts in the county, giving the boys and girls of this district a high school to attend six months. He stated that all cost of running this school six months would come from the general county fund just as the general county fund pays for the six month high schools in the other districts. That the county was simply carrying out a mandate

of the Constitution requiring the Board of Education to provide high school instruction for all the boys and girls in the county. He announced that the high school would begin the 8th of October. Supt. Best urged upon the people of Wood the importance of cooperating with the Wood faculty this year in questions of attendance and discipline and insisted upon the parents visiting the school during the school hours.

Graduates of last year's school:

The students who finished the seventh grade last year were Ida Coley, Emma Gupton, Annie Gupton, Floyd Griffin, Odell Thompson. These, with some others who finished eighth grade are eligible to attendance at the high school. We are hoping that all of these who are not already enrolled in high schools will be sure to enroll on Oct. 8th in our high school. Those who received the most stars last year—one star signifying a week's perfect attendance—were, Annie Gupton 20, Hattie Belle Gupton 27, Ida Coley 26, Austin Fuller 26, Elizabeth Fuller 22. It is hoped that there will be many pupils this year to make perfect attendance records. Let all pupils aim for no less than the honor roll each week.

**Comments**

Did you attend the opening exercises of our school Monday? If you did, didn't you enjoy it? Wasn't it thrilling and inspiring to see so many children, so many parents and so many well wishers present. We understand from the chairman of the school committee, who has been a member for 12 years, that this was the largest attendance on the part of parents and well wishers during that time. Should we feel elated over the fact? But we should not stop at that. Let's get to work and continue to patronize our school.

Last Sunday with a moment's notice our pianist got together a mixed quartette in Sunday school composed of young people who had never sung together before. And it was fine! We urge these people to favor us again real soon with another selection. We also urge the juniors to get up solos, duets, trios, quartettes, quintettes and sextettes and present them to us on any and all occasions, for they are our very own citizens and we wish to encourage and inspire them to higher and loftier things, believing by these means we are doing so.

It was a pleasure to have Supt. Best with us at the opening exercises wherein he explained to us about the nature of our high school. It was made more plain by him and it enlightened all who were present. He informs us that our high school opens Oct. 8 with an excellent faculty of two who have had some experience and come well recommended. He assured us that a truck with modern conveniences, in charge of a careful and responsible driver will start on that day and operate on schedule time through the school term. By this means our children will have a safe and sure way of getting to and from the high school. He said that the schedule and driver will be announced later.

He did announce the faculty as follows: Principal, B. M. Crawford, Eure, N. C.; A. B. Wake, Forest College, member of church; Lillie Harper, Laurel, N. C., 3 1-2 yrs. at Meredith College, high school certificate Class A. Four years experience, member church.

It pleased us Monday morning at the school opening to hear the manager of our local gin make the announcement that he would be delighted to have the children inspect the gin with the faculty or their parents but asked that unless they were with these as chaperones that they not endanger their lives by coming in contact with the machinery while in operation.

We think it would be an excellent idea if some one organized a Betterment association, Woman's club, or Parents association. Wouldn't it mean a great deal to our community? We are striving to make our community the best to be found anywhere, so don't you think an association or organization of this kind would be a benefit? Think it over.

It is very gratifying to learn that a large number of our young people have enrolled as members of Mrs. Fuller's music class. There were 18 who gave their names Monday thereby declaring their intentions of improving their usefulness to the master and community. We feel that there could not have been a better instructor. Music obtained and that a more appropriate occasion acquired. We are expecting great things of these young

people in a musical line, for the instructor informs us she knows business and we know our young people are bright and can learn easily and also mean business. We are expecting a recital or entertainment from them soon. Let us encourage them in every way possible. Must: res:hes us vlen other things fail. Lets us cultivate our musical talents.

Supt. Best's suggestion as to preparing now for winter was... school was excellent. Let's begin right now to fill up the wood... with the best of wood to make it comfortable for our faculty and children. They can do more efficient and greater work when they are comfortable. We owe it to our community to make our school house as comfortable as our own homes. We can do it. There is plenty of good wood in this community and enough willing and glad owners to supply it to the school.

The point brought out Monday morning during the opening exercises of school by the faculty and Mr. Best in regards to the fact that the school is ours and the faculty, trainers of our children was well taken. Supt. Best was clearly impressed that as parents we should visit the school often to see how our children are being trained. Talk to the teachers about them and encourage their efforts. He forcibly brought to mind the comparison of having a bird dog trained by an experienced trainer. How often would catch up with our work and occasionally let the bread burn, cotton

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