

# WOOD DEPARTMENT

## WOOD

News of Wood and surrounding community.

Edited by Wood Citizens

### COLD WEATHER PUTS NO DAMPER ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

174 Present Last Sunday—Meets At 10 O'clock Next Sunday—Expect Bad Weather Not To Lessen Attendance—Stone Steps to Church Given By Mr. Waters.

Well! and were you one of the 174 people who enjoyed one solid hour of getting together, talking over the week's work, possibly saying nice things to a friend, and reciting the lesson Sunday morning in Sunday school? If you were you know you will be there with a new member or some friend who was absent last Sunday, when the bell ceases to ring for Sunday school Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Just think of it—a real cold day—early in the morning—the first this Autumn and our number was 174! Can you give an account of the reason? Was it just to see the new stone steps presented by Mr. Waters, or was it the zeal and interest in the work, or was it the thought of some important issue to discuss with a friend whom you did not know where to find except at Sunday school or was it the music you wanted to hear or was it that you know the church would be comfortable and a welcome awaited you. Well, if any one or all of these brought you we are glad for it makes our hearts glad to see each of you every Sunday morning with a smile on your face, a cheery word for every one and an eagerness in your face to make some one's life more happy. You could only look into the hidden recesses of each of our hearts and lives you would find anxieties, disappointments, cares and burdens which are kept from the world—and you would be only eager and desirous of speaking a kind word, smiling and giving a warm, hearty handshake which will not only lift the thoughts and heart of that person but would make you enter upon the day's work with a heart made lighter, perhaps unrecognizable to you, by having taken those few minutes to welcome or greet each other. This is the place—our Sunday school—where it is our aim to shake off our cares and be with one another for one hour to worship, make our lives happier and study God's word. We have so far been doing it—and can't you with all sincerity say that you have received a blessing each and every Sunday you have been in our Sunday school? If you can't say so, we regret it, and we want you to give us a chance to do it. There is a way to do it, so let us know that we have failed and we assure you we will give you our best to make it worth while to be one of us every Sunday.

Some one has asked what effect did the cold day have upon our Sunday school. The above has been answered, but this we want to say to our members, that we, as yet, have had no real rainy Sunday. At the present writing it is raining and it now looks as if we going to have a siege of bad weather hence next Sunday may be a rainy, dreary one and the streets and roads muddy so let's begin to equip ourselves now for that—get our overcoats, raincoats, umbrellas, overcoats, mittens to our buggies and automobiles ready so we will have no excuse for staying away. We assure you that the church will be heated and comfortable and when you get there you will be glad that you came. Didn't you think the church was comfortable last Sunday? We do, and if it was not it was not our fault. Also one of the stoves would not draw and the wind blew the smoke out in the room so that the fire had to be extinguished, yet the room was comfortable even in the most remote corner. It is going to be just that way every Sunday morning or the reason why will be made very clear to every one.

We wish to thank Mr. Alex Wester for the nice load of dry pine wood which he contributed last week. This only goes to show that our members are willing and glad to do their part. There is plenty of the very best of fuel to be had any where on our own farms and we can easily give one day's time toward helping make Sunday morning the most enjoyable one of the seven for our bright children and grand elderly people and parents. Just think in what way each of us can help. We, each, have a part to do. All may not be in a position to do the greatest but there is some one thing we can do to help that we can do better than the other fellow. So let's see what that one thing is and let's do it. There is not one reason why we can't do it. God has given every one of us a talent for something—perhaps He gave more to one than another yet we want to multiply what was given us. You know we can do it. Why, just look at the growth of our Sunday school in little over two months—two and three quarters! It has over doubled in attendance and almost quadrupled over the attendance one year ago last Sunday. If you don't think we can do a thing when we pull together just ponder over our Sunday school results. Does it mean anything to you? Didn't you help do it? Sure you did, there has been some good, hard, earnest work done and it has not been done by any one person, or two, but by every one. You have your share of glory and we have ours—but down lets all pull to-

gether thru the cold weather, use our tact, means, brains and energy to make this fall and winter even better than the attendance during the summer months when the weather was more favorable. Prepare now to be present every Sunday morning. Make all plans now! Do not let a single one of us be like the Five Foolish Virgins—but let us have our lamps filled with oil, our overcoats, overshoes, parasols, horses, buggies, automobiles, our week's duties such as wood for Sunday cut, preparation for meals on Sunday prepared on Saturday, so that when the last bell begins to ring every Sunday morning we will be in our seats and ready for one hour of Sunday school worship and get-together—the very best hour of any spent during any week—Sunday school.

Only One Visitor Sunday  
There was only one visitor last Sunday and yet the attendance was 174! Doesn't that ring good in your ears, touch a pleasing fibre in your heart?—one hundred and seventy-three of our own Sunday school members present! Well, if your physical, spiritual and mental powers are functioning true to nature there is but one answer—Yes! We are always glad to welcome visitors. It makes us feel that we are doing something worth while—that we can gain some good from them—learn what they are doing at home thereby gain a broader conception of our duty. And remember that if you have any one who visits you unexpectedly or contemplates visiting you Sunday be sure to let them know that a most cordial welcome awaits them at our Sunday school and that if they insist on keeping you at home to entertain them they will make both of you miss the very best and happiest hour of the week. Let's make this our foremost thought and slogan.

The best hour spent is in our Sunday school Sunday morning.  
Begins at 10 O'clock Next Sunday  
Sunday, Oct. 28, next Sunday, the last bell will ring at 10 o'clock for Sunday school on account of preaching services at 11 o'clock by Rev. H. T. Wright, of Wake Forest College. Don't forget that at ten o'clock instead of ten-thirty we begin next Sunday.

Visiting Cards  
We wish to call your attention to the fact that if you intend to visit another Sunday school that you get a Visiting Blank Card before you leave so you can have the Superintendent and teacher of the school you visited fill it out, thereby giving you credit here in our school. Also tell your visitors that we will give them the cards and fill them out if they so desire.

Mr. Gilead To Visit Us  
Mr. Arthur Strickland, Superintendent of Mr. Gilead Sunday school assures us of a visit soon by several of his members and that he will bring with him his choir who will delight us with several selections. All of us remember and appreciate the valuable service Mr. Strickland rendered us during our series of meetings this summer, and also that he is the son of the esteemed man after whom our grand class of Calvin was named. So in due honor and respect to the namesake of our class, men of Calvin, prepare each week to be present on the following Sunday for Mr. Strickland has set no date—but has given his promise which is the equal of law. A hint to you venerable men is sufficient.

Miss Frye and Mr. Thompson Elected Teachers  
In called conference of church after Sunday school Miss Flora Frye was unanimously elected teacher of the Senior Class No. 8 and Mr. R. O. Thompson was likewise unanimously elected teacher of the Junior Baracas, Class No. 4. These new instructors and leaders we welcome as associates and appreciate each and every effort they have and will put forth in making their classes and our Sunday school the best to be found anywhere. Now pupils lay all your plans to make your class what your teacher hopes—the equal or better of any in the country. You can do it, by pulling together.

8 Classes Have Perfect Attendance  
Last Sunday there were 8 classes with perfect attendance, as follows: Classes Nos. 4, 8 and 9. Excellent! Look and see whose classes they are. How about nine classes having a perfect attendance next Sunday?  
Average contribution—total \$14.50.  
Calvin class 21 cents.

Just glance below at the average contribution for Sunday by the different classes and you will see what our people are giving on the average to our work. The Calvin class, the men, averaged 21c, Junior Baracas 15c, Class No. 9 15c, Junior Philatheca 12c, Rebecca 7c, Class No. 8 3c, No. 5 and 8 2c each, and No. 7 1c. This is grand and in order to realize what all this means you must understand what ages the classes are composed of. No. 7, the beginners, one cent each. Fine. The collection fell below Sunday before last, but we are steadily on the increase.

Class No. 9, best average Bibles.  
Class No. 9 needed only 3 more Bibles brought to be perfect in this regard. How do you people do it? Show and tell us how.

The Rebeccas came next with over half of their members bringing Bibles—9 out of 16 brought them. The other classes are somewhere behind but there is room for improvement. Remember our requirements for a Standard Sunday school is based upon our Bibles brought as one of the points.

Report for Sunday, Oct. 21:  
Class No. 1—Miss Pearl Gupton, teacher, present, No. scholars present 30, absent 19, collection \$6.41, Bibles 6.

Class No. 2—Mrs. Alex Wester, teacher, present, No. scholars present 16, absent 11, collection \$1.21, Bibles 9.

Class No. 3—Miss Daisy Ball, teacher, present, No. scholars present 16, absent 1, new scholars 2, collection \$1.97, Bibles 7.

Class No. 4—H. M. Beam, teacher, present, No. scholars present 14, visitors 1, collection \$2.02, Bibles 2.  
Class No. 5—Mrs. W. D. Fuller, teacher, present, No. scholars present 31, absent 3, new scholars 2, collection 78c, Bibles 5.

Class No. 6—Mrs. Morris Griffin, teacher, present, No. scholars present 24, new scholars 1, collection 46c, Bibles 2.

Class No. 7—Miss Annie Gupton, teacher, present, No. scholars present 6, absent 3, collection 6c, Bibles 1.

Class No. 8—Miss F. Ye, teacher, present, No. scholars present 15, collection 54c, Bibles 12.

Class No. 9—taught by Miss Woodburn, No. scholars present 7, collection \$1.05, Bibles 3.

Total No. teachers and officers present 14, total No. scholars present 159, visitors 1, total present 174, total collection \$14.50, Bibles 47.

Condensed report for one year ago: Teachers and officers present 4, scholars present 50, collection 59c.

### MR. FERNIE LEONARD SEVERELY INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Sustains Fractured Thigh and Injury To Shoulder—Wednesday Condition Favorable.  
Mr. Fernie Leonard, Centerville, last Wednesday about 3 o'clock was thrown from a bale of cotton in his wagon at Griffin Bros. gin when his team of mules became frightened at exhaust of steam and ran away. In falling Mr. Leonard received a comminuted spiral fracture of the left femur in the upper third near the hip joint and a rupture of the capsule or portion of the head of the left humerus. For some time after the accident his condition remained serious on account of shock and cardiac conditions, the medical aid was obtained within an hour. He was removed home immediately and only after several hours until his condition improved was an attempt to set the limb made. He rested as well Wednesday night as could be expected and was removed to a hospital in Rocky Mount the following day where he is at present. Reports from the physicians in charge are favorable and his early return home and duties are sincerely hoped.

Mr. Leonard has many relatives and friends who will await his arrival home with joy.

### Wood School Enrollment Continues To Grow

Up to the present the enrollment has increased to 110 with an average attendance of 85. This is good but there are several not in attendance who should and it is to be hoped the parents will soon see that they attend. It is essential that pupils begin as early as possible and continue up until the very last day.

We have an excellent faculty who are striving in every way to make our school maintain the high standard which it has during the past few years and our part is cooperation. So far the spirit of cooperation and pulling together has been unsurpassed in this community and folks let's put on an added effort by our visiting the school, encouragement of the faculty and children and help in any way possible to lay the foundation for a new modern school building and a corps of teachers excelled by none in a like community. We can, right now, by cooperation, encouragement of the faculty, committee and children instill into their minds our desire for the very best advantages for our boys and girls. All together now!

### R. Y. P. U. HAS GOOD MEETING

Miss Viola Thompson's Group Successful.  
Hurrah for group No. 3. If you missed B. Y. P. U. Sunday night you are the loser, for the program was quite an improvement on the last few programs. Miss Viola Thompson, through her untiring efforts last week, had her group in place at the front and all parts spoken except one and that one was late in getting her part. We are glad to see the B. Y. P. U. going forward again. Lets keep it up young people and put forth our best efforts towards greater work. Sunday night Group No. 1.

### REV. H. T. WRIGHT, OF WAKE FOREST COLLEGE

At Baptist Church Next Sunday—Services 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.—Announces Subject and Texts.

Rev. H. T. Wright of Wake Forest College will be with us Sunday and preach both morning and evening. Services to be at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Rev. Mr. Wright comes to us well recommended and we hope that every one will come out to hear him.

His text at the morning services will be taken from Matthew 21:28 (last clause) "Son go work today in my vineyard."

For the evening service he will have as his subject The Wonderful, using the following text: Isaiah 9:6—For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. He will be here for Sunday school and will bring visitors. Come and hear him.

### Card of Thanks

We the members of Wood Baptist church and Sunday school wish to express to Mr. H. R. Waters, one of our esteemed citizens, our sincere appreciation and thanks for presenting the substantial and beautiful stone steps for our church. We also wish to extend our gratitude to him for putting them up and to Mr. W. D. Fuller for having them from Louisville and to those who so willingly and kindly assisted last Saturday af-

ternoon in putting them up.  
Wood Baptist Church.  
Wood Baptist Sunday School.

### MISS IRENE P. GUPTON STILL FAITHFUL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL IN NEW FIELD

Working Toward A. B. Degree Trinity College—Wants Franklin County School System Centralized

Below we give a letter received by our Sunday school from one of our young ladies who has been a teacher and pupil in our Sunday school and a faithful and loyal worker in all church organizations and community enterprises. We are always glad to hear from our young ladies and men. We hope they will write often and tell us how things are done elsewhere.

Durham, N. C., Oct. 14, 1923.  
Wood Sunday School:

I am really very anxious to see last several weeks paper to see what you are doing but I feel confident that you are even progressing yet, after the much success accomplished before I left home. Some of the leaders and teachers may feel some times that their labor is not a success but in that case it is only a sign of progress. I hope each member can create an appreciation for your good Sunday school for it is something for which to be proud. Comparison and contrast is one of the things which show that you are alive spiritually, mentally and physically. I appreciated the letter you sent me though I am not deserving.

To a people who aspire to nothing but the best, I know you are interested in your school which is one of the foundations to growth and accomplishment. Not many days ago I talked with a member of the Board of Education in this county, Durham, and he said their plan is to consolidate the schools of every township into a centralized high school. It has been done in nearly every township in Durham county already. Lets do it in Franklin, for we can! The school in which I teach is a consolidated school of two townships. The children are sent in from the different schools on a bus line. Beside my work teaching the fifth and sixth grades, I am working on an A. B. Degree at Trinity College. I am taking a science course which consist of one hour lecture, one hour quiz and four hours laboratory work all on Saturday. You see my time is taken up on things literary during the week, but I have not missed a Sunday going to Sunday school. Last week I attended an Evangelistic service by Horn Ramsey in Durham. It was certainly inspiring.

I can not write a personal letter to as many people at home as I should like to, so I hope you will pardon the personal message in this.

You may ever be sure of my intense interest in any phase of church work at home. Wishing you every success.

Yours truly,  
IRENE P. GUPTON.

### A Word of Gratitude

We wish to thank each and every one who has so kindly given us any assistance whatever in making these

columns what they are. We especially wish to thank those who have written articles for us and those who by their thoughtfulness have given us news items so that we may keep the life of our community alive and interesting and those who by their inspirations, suggestions and words of cheer have caused us to put forth an extra effort to help make our community one in which we are proud to live and one which is deserving of the best thought, work and love any one can give. We ask that you continue to render this valuable assistance and think of new ways in which each of us can help make the advantages and opportunities of our young men and women the very best to be had in any similar community. We again, thank you for the cooperation which exists here and exhort each of you to not lessen in the good work.

### Honor Roll—Wood Elementary School

1st Grade—Russell Raynor, Russell Leonard, L. N. Benton, William Johnston, Pauline Lewis, Evelyn Sturges, Lorine Gupton, Lorine Radford, Louella Johnston.  
2nd Grade—Linwood Gupton, Paul Griffin, Robert Griffin, Roland Grey Gupton, Rufus Denton, Jesse Johnston, Betty Ruth Leonard, Ruby Leonard, Anna Mae Sturges, Evelyn Johnston, Mildred Johnston, Martha Lynn Denton.

3rd Grade—Marshall Gupton, Preston King, Cooper Leonard, Lela Mae Lewis.  
4th Grade—Esra Denton, Edgar Fuller, Wilmer Gupton, Ollie Gupton, Iris

Gupton, Dell Gupton, Henry Alex Gupton, Maurice Wester, Doris Wester.  
5th Grade—Clinton Gupton, Mabel Gupton, Leona Raynor, Mary Sturges, Freddie Thompson.  
6th Grade—Norman Gupton, Jettie Gupton, Freeland Green, Reed Johnston, Wilbur Raynor.  
7th Grade—Elizabeth Fuller, Hattie Belle Gupton, Thurman Gupton, Jodie Radford, Torbert Sturges.

### Honor Roll—Gold-Sand School

8th Grade—Reuben Gupton, Maurice Bledsoe, Harold Garber, Etta Harris, Clement Harper, Minnie Griffin, David Fuller, Raymond Sturges, Annie Gupton, Odell Thompson, Floyd Griffin, George Fuller, Nora Rowe, Beulah Burnette, Charlie May, Owen Tharrington.

9th Grade—Sue Bledsoe, Austin Fuller, Lila Leonard, Marie Joyner, Fannie Gupton, Swannie Rowe.  
10th Grade—Lola Leonard.

### THINKERS

It was indeed thoughtful of some of our patrons to put wood at the school house for this cold snap. It is always a good plan to keep the comfort of our faculty and children foremost in mind. Each one of the pupils and faculty can do much better work when comfortable.

And wouldn't it be a good idea, as some one has suggested, to investigate and install new equipment in the school building if possible.

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## SERVICE DRUG CO.

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**G. M. RAYNOR, Manager.**

W. D. FULLER C. B. KEARNEY

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If you want to purchase anything for yourself, family, farm or livestock, come to our store where you will find anything you want at the right price. Come and see is all we ask and be one of our many friends and customers.

## W. D. Fuller & Co.

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