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GRADED SCHOOL OPENS

The Brevard graded school opened Monday morning with an enrollment of 302. Promptly at nine o'clock every teacher and the more than three hundred children were on the grounds ready to begin another year's work.

A number of the parents of the children and friends of the school were present to see the beginning of the work, and as usual, special exercises were held in the chapel, featured this year by the presentation to the school of a photograph of Mrs. C. D. Chapman by Rev. C. D. Chapman. This picture was presented to the school by Mr. W. E. Breese, Jr., who made some appropriate remarks, and was received by Mr. O. L. Erwin on behalf of the school.

The program was opened by devotional exercises led by Rev. A. W. McDaniel, followed by a brief talk by Mr. W. H. Duckworth, a member of the school board, after which Mr. Breese presented the photograph of Mrs. Chapman to the school, telling the children something about the life and work of this good woman, who was a friend to the Brevard graded school that could always be counted upon to do her part and more to make every session of the school a success.

Mr. Erwin on behalf of the school committee received the picture, expressing his thanks for the gift.

The teachers and enrollment by grades on the opening morning follow, although a number of the grades have had new enrollments since these figures were made:

First—Miss Irene Montgomery, assisted by Miss Evelyn Winescott of Concord, N. C., enrollment ninety.

Second—Miss Georgia Bell, enrollment twenty-five.

Third and Fourth—Miss Frances Melanish, enrollment third forty, fourth thirty-five.

Fifth and Sixth—Miss Sue Cannon, enrollment, fifth eighteen, sixth nineteen.

Seventh—Miss Kathleen Erwin, enrollment thirty-one.

Eighth—Miss Verma Goode, enrollment eleven.

Ninth—Miss Natalie Forsythe, enrollment twenty-one.

Tenth and Eleventh—Prof. J. C. Jones, enrollment, tenth five, eleventh seven.

Miss Montgomery, Miss Bell, Miss McIntosh and Miss Goode all taught here last year and need no introduction to the school patrons. Miss Winescott comes from Concord, and is a relative of Rev. W. M. Robbins and family. Miss Cannon's home is at Horse Shoe, and she is the daughter-in-law of the Hon. Albert Cannon, who is well known in Transylvania county. Miss Kathleen Erwin is at home, she having been raised in sight of the school building and every one in Brevard knows her and her work. Miss Forsythe is the daughter of Recorder Forsythe and is also well and favorably known in Brevard and Transylvania county. Prof. Jones, the principal, comes to Brevard from the central section of the state, and his qualifications for school work are all that could be desired.

With such a capable corps of instructors the Brevard graded school should do great things this year. It is the especial aim of the teachers to make this school measure up to every requirement of the state graded schools.

MISS FANNIE HECK DEAD

Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, of Raleigh, who has for the past thirty years been president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the State Baptist Convention, and who was for twenty years president of the Southern Association, died at her home last Wednesday after a protracted illness lasting for several months. The funeral was held from the First Baptist church in Raleigh Friday afternoon and was attended by many prominent Baptists from all parts of the state.

THE WAR SUMMARY

The Arabic incident and Germany's submarine policy are the subjects of consideration at a conference held at the eastern headquarters of the German army between Emperor William and Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, Admiral von Tirpitz, German minister of marine, and Admiral von Mueller, chief of the private marine cabinet and the emperor's personal adviser on naval affairs. Admiral von Mueller is said to have thrown his influence with that of the imperial chancellor and Foreign Minister von Jagow in an endeavor to reach an amicable understanding with the United States. For this reason the opinion is expressed in the German capital that there is no cause to change the optimistic view of the situation created by Doctor von Bethmann-Hollweg's pronouncement of last Wednesday.

While Petrograd unofficially expresses the opinion that the Russians are on the eve of digging themselves in and making a stand on a new front, there are no indications as yet of a halt in their retrograde movement or of any let up in the force of the Teutonic onrush.

On the contrary, the Austro-German offensive has broken out again in a section where there had been comparative inactivity for the better part of two months past—in Eastern Galicia, where the lines along the Dniester, the Zlota Lipa and the Gnila Lipa have changed only little since early July when the Teutonic armies swung north and began the closing in movement which resulted in the Russian withdrawal from the Warsaw salient.

The Russian lines, Berlin claims, have now been broken along the Zlota Lipa and the Russians are in full retreat under energetic Austro-German pursuit. Apparently it is the Teutonic aim completely to clear Galicia of Russian troops.

The retreat of Grand Duke Nicholas' armies from Brest-Litovsk and the line in the north is being harassed by Field Marshal von Mackensen's armies and those of Prince Leopold of Bavaria, the latter having penetrated the Bialovozh forest, while southeast of Bialystok General von Richthorn has pushed eastward as far as the town of Nowy.

In the north, however, where Vilna and Dyvinsk are at stake the Russians are offering a stiff resistance. At some points here, apparently, they have even taken the offensive. Berlin declares their attacks are repulsed.

On the front in France the artillery and the armies have been active but the infantry soldiers from the trenches have been inactive. Berlin says that French air attacks on Ostend, Middelburg and Bruges were without success, and that in Muelheim, Baden, three persons killed in a bomb attack were civilians.

Optimistic reports of operations in Gallipoli peninsula have been in circulation for several days and prophecies are frequently made that the allies will in a few weeks force a passage through the straits. The British now hold a front of twelve miles along the western side of the peninsula and at some points have penetrated into the interior.

A German submarine was destroyed by a British aviator on Friday near Ostend. The aviator dropped bombs onto the craft utterly destroying the boat.

Sixty-two French aviators on August 25 dropped more than 150 shells on a German army factory north of Sarrebourg. Thirty of the shells were of large calibre.

A large number of Germans were killed when a British fleet bombarded Zeebrugge, Belgium.

During the week ending August 29 nineteen British merchant vessels and three fishing vessels were destroyed by submarines or mines.

EXPRESSES REGRET

Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States, communicated to the state department last week instructions from Berlin expressing regret for the loss of American lives in the sinking of the Arabic, and asked that the United States delay taking a definite stand in the case until Germany could report in more detail. This was the first word from an official source concerning the Arabic, on which two Americans perished. Its receipt was followed by evident relaxation of the tension among government officials.

Germany also agreed that in future all submarine commanders would be instructed to always give vessels warning before they would be torpedoed, thus giving time for all on board to make their escape in small boats or life rafts.

This agreement on the part of Germany, together with her expression of sorrow at the loss of American lives has a decided tendency toward clearing the war clouds gathering over this country, and it is not now believed by officials that war will grow out of it. If Germany should violate this agreement, as she is in the habit of doing, it may yet become necessary to send her another note, however.

COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION

All the classes that compose the county singing convention will please notice that a call has been made for a meeting of delegates from each class to be held at Zion church, Rosman, on the second Sunday in September at 11 a. m. for the purpose of appointing a program committee and attending to such business as may come before the convention.

J. M. GALLOWAY, Pres.
J. L. WRIGHT, Sec.
August 29, 1915.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

Boyd District No. 1, S. V. Brown, No. 2, Lee R. Gash, No. 3, A. C. Loday, No. 4, T. B. Duvain.

Brevard District, No. 1, F. E. Sharrett, No. 2, C. K. Osborne, No. 3, L. E. O'Reilly.

Cathey's Creek District No. 1, J. McD. Bryson, No. 2, E. Jordan Whitmore, No. 3, A. M. Paxton.

Dawn's Rock District, No. 1, V. C. Moore, No. 2, F. Henderson, No. 3, C. A. Rames, No. 4, W. P. Clark.

Elisabet District, No. 1, J. A. Gillespie, No. 2, R. A. Garren, No. 3, J. D. Morgan, No. 4, T. S. Galloway.

Glencoast District, No. 1, E. H. Kitchen, No. 2, J. M. Anders, No. 3, R. E. McCall, No. 4, Vance Galloway.

Hogback District, No. 1, R. O. Thomas, No. 2, T. W. Reid, No. 3, Walter Hinkle, No. 4, C. B. McNeely, No. 5, J. T. Harrison, Jr.

Little River District, No. 1, J. S. Heath, No. 2, W. M. Ball, No. 3, T. L. Picklesimer, No. 4, Hamp Jones.

(Colored)

Boyd District, No. 1, Hilliard Mooney.

Brevard District, No. 2, A. B. Benjamin.

QUEBEC HONOR ROLL

First Grade—Vera McCall, Norma Thomas, Mollie Thomas, Dortha Whitmore, Pauline Young and Dee Miller.

Second Grade—Broadus Henderson, May Smith, Alvin Smith, Calvin Smith, Guy Whitmore.

Third Grade—Grace Miller, Ruth McCall, Geneva McCall, Clarence Owen.

Fourth Grade—Lonnie Young.

Fifth Grade—Gaiward Whitmore, Nelson Thomas, Clarence Young.

Sixth Grade—Wilma Chapman, Beulah Reid, Bertha Reid, DeWitt McCall.

Seventh Grade—Oscar Whitmore, Marion McCall, Ida Miller, Pearl Whitmore Pauline Reece.

A. P. BELL,

CLASSE WHITMORE,

Teachers.

GENERAL NEWS

A big fight for the postmaster-ship at Fayetteville was started with four applicants in the row before the postmaster, Louis B. Hale, could even be buried. Such conduct on the part of office seekers should be punishable by law.

A. Leigh Diggs of Asheville has been appointed as private secretary to Senator Overman, and will take up his duties when congress reconvenes.

The government will acquire a number of large tracts of land in McDowell county through condemnation proceedings instituted in the District court last week. The land will be taken over under authority conferred by the Weeks law.

About sixty Kentucky night riders were placed on trial for a number of offenses at Hartford, Ky., last week. Some have pleaded guilty and have submitted to punishment, while others are awaiting a hearing. It is believed this action of the courts will break up the practice in the western part of the state.

Gustav Kopsh, a young German, was arrested in Washington last Thursday by officials of the department of justice, charged with making photographs of American forts and fortifications. He was placed under \$5000 bond and will soon be tried for espionage at Norfolk, Va.

The customs officials at Newport News, Va., has refused to grant clearance papers to the British steamer, Waimana, enroute from Marseilles to Buenos Aires when it was discovered that the steamer carried a four inch rifle mounted on her deck. The matter has been referred to Washington officials for a decision as to the status of the vessel.

Beware of the pig. Last week an auto struck a pig which caused the machine to turn over and explode, the passengers barely escaping with their lives. This happened on the road near New Bern, and there were five passengers in the car. Their escape was considered miraculous.

Last Thursday night twenty armed Mexicans invaded the United States at a point near Brownsville, Texas. They were pursued by American soldiers but no arrests were made. A lively fight took place at this point just a few days previously.

Thomas A. Edison, the great inventor, was painfully burned about the eyes while working in his laboratory last week by a splash of petash solution. The burn was not dangerous, however, and in a few hours he returned to work.

More than 25,000 Welch miners have joined in another strike, thus again putting Great Britain to much embarrassment in supplying coal for her navy.

Sixteen American warships have gathered at Hampton Roads after the war maneuvers which have just ended and will be joined there by other vessels of the Atlantic fleet. These ships have been playing the war game from Maine to Florida and will now begin the regular target practice off the Virginia capes.

O. C. Klingman, wanted for the past year in Greensboro for causing a shortage of \$30,000 in his accounts with the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Co., was caught last week in Seattle, Wash., and will be brought back to North Carolina for trial.

Ex-Governor Cole L. Blaise, the South Carolina fire eater, again upset the governor's conference at Boston by his remarks on lynching, saying that "when mobs are no longer possible liberty will be dead."

ANOTHER EXPLOSION

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, one time president of the United States, was invited to make an address to the business men now taking military training at Plattsburg, N. Y., last week, in which he took occasion to denounce the policy of the administration of Woodrow Wilson, paying especial attention to the present administration's foreign policy, denouncing the attitude taken by the present official.

Among other things Colonel Roosevelt said: For thirteen months America has played an ignoble part among the nations. We have tamely submitted to seeing the weak, whom we had coveted to protect, wronged. We have seen our men, women and children murdered on the high seas without action on our part. During this time our nation has not taken the smallest step in the way of preparedness to defend our own rights."

Upon reading the address of Colonel Roosevelt in the papers Secretary of War Garrison wired Major General Leonard Wood a severe call-down for allowing such a speech on the camp, saying there must not be any opportunity at Plattsburg or at any other similar camp for such unfortunate consequences. Major General Wood immediately replied that he should not be held responsible for the utterances of Mr. Roosevelt, that he did not know what he would say, and that he was in no position to censor the speech. Roosevelt took the whole responsibility upon himself, saying that he alone was responsible for what he had said.

"THE GIRL WHO DARES"

"The Girl Who Dares," the musical comedy presented at the Auditorium last Thursday evening by the Misses Bessie and Florence Burkhalter, of Charlotte, proved to be one of the best features of the kind ever presented in Brevard. The cast was made up for the most part with local people, although a few visitors were on the program.

For obvious reasons the News will not attempt to say who did the best work during the rendition of the program, for all were so good it would be hard to say who was the best. The leading roles were taken by the Misses Burkhalter and Mr. Sidney Blackmer, of Lake Toxaway.

While a musical comedy rarely has very much of a plot, this one unfolded a well connected story lined around the escapades of "Virginia Nevil," the girl, played by Miss Bessie Burkhalter, in her search for amusement, and the ludicrous attempts of Lord John Buckingham to secure a wife who had money enough to pay his debts, "oh jove." This character was well presented by Mr. Henry Carrier and in the last scene, when he was drunk Mr. Carrier caused much merriment by his presentation of the drunken lord.

Miss Kathleen Bingham as "Lady Wellington, the title seeking mother," Miss Dorothy Ashby, the daughter, and Miss Florence Burkhalter as the French maid, all deserve special mention, while Miss Mary Jane King, the prima donna, rendered a number of solos in a very pleasing manner. Little Mary Harris, as the street singer, came in for a generous share of the applause.

Among the men, Sidney Blackmer, the New York reporter, Alex. Esser, the ardent lover, Z. W. Nichols, the valet, F. E. Davidson, the hotel keeper, and Charles Nichols, the bell boy, all presented their respective parts in a pleasing and acceptable manner.

The various choruses, made up of both children and grown folks, carried out their parts in good shape and added much to the entertainment. There were six different choruses and a large number of popular songs were rendered during the evening. About \$15.00 goes to the U. D. C. Library from the proceeds.