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OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Marion Graded School Enrollment Now 300—School Property Improvements, Etc.

[NOTE:—This column will contain each week the news of school as reported by the pupils and teachers, and any announcements that the school authorities may have to make from time to time. EDITOR.]

Exactly 300 children have enrolled in the graded school to date, 288 of whom were present the first morning. The enrollment by grades is as follows: 1st grade, 49, Miss Haggie Hudgins, teacher; 2nd grade, 40, Miss Sarah Anderson, teacher; 3rd grade, 37, Miss Ethel Maxwell, teacher; 4th grade, 39, Mrs. D. F. Giles, substitute teacher; 5th grade, 40, Miss Essie Morgan, teacher; 6th grade, 29, Miss Margaret Stanford, teacher. High School department: Miss Giles, English, Spelling and Geography; Mrs. Bird, History and Mathematics; Miss Guy, Latin and Math.; Mr. Griffin, English and Science. Enrollment 63.

We hope that all the books ordered will be on sale this week. This delay of books is not due to any fault of the local dealers, but is due to the fact that the publishers have not had time to get out an edition since the State adoption in August. It is the purpose of the school authorities to use the State-adopted books in order to give the patrons the advantage of low prices.

The appearance of the school property has been much improved by the laying of a concrete sidewalk in front of the building. We hope soon to have the bank on two sides of the school grounds turfed and the entire lawn sowed in grass.

The teachers are taking up a collection in the several rooms to buy bulbs and plants to grow in the building during the winter.

Already the children are handing in the best specimens of their work to be arranged for the exhibit at the Fair. In this way it is hoped to show the patrons what the children are doing in school.

Every teacher has agreed to visit each home represented in her room, and it is earnestly requested that parents return these visits by calling at the school building from time to time. Such visits would encourage both the teacher and the children.

There were ten tardies last week. We hope there will be none this week. Please resolve that your child shall not be tardy except in case of sickness or family affliction. If school opens too early, let us know. No excuse for absence except sickness or family affliction will be accepted. It is most earnestly requested that parents consider seriously the importance of having their children in school on time every day.

Active School Man.

Visiting in the city yesterday was Mr. D. F. Giles, Superintendent of Public Instructions of McDowell county, who is proving to be one of the most successful county superintendents of the State.

Mr. Giles in his college career made reputation as a baseball player and was a star of the Trinity College team in 1902, later taking a high place in the State University team. He is a man of energy and is active in his work for schools.—News & Observer, Raleigh, 6th.

THE FAIR ATTRACTIONS

Special Street Attractions Secured—Chief Justice Clark to Address Soldiers.

The Fair, which will be held in Marion, Oct. 19th, 20th and 21st, promises to be three days of pleasure and profit to all who attend. The first four rooms of the Eagle hotel have been engaged as exhibit rooms. The large store room in the hotel will be used for agricultural exhibits; the lobby of the hotel will be used for Educational exhibits; the hallway, back of the lobby will be used for an exhibit room for Department E., which is Ladies Work; the storage room of the hotel will be exhibit room for Department D., which is Pantry Supplies. All the live stock exhibits will be made in the lot adjoining the Coaley Livery stable. The secretary reports that quite a number of citizens have written notifying him of their intentions to enter an exhibit for some premium, and there are no doubt many others who have made up their minds to do so who have not informed the Fair officials. It is necessary that all who expect to make exhibits make up their mind to do so at once.

Editor Clarence Poe, of the Progressive Farmer, has been invited to address the farmers on the first day, and also to inspect the exhibits that are offered. Chief Justice Walter Clark will address the Confederate Soldiers on Oct. 20th; and, it is also expected that Mrs. Stonewall Jackson will be present on this day to meet and shake hands with the comrades of her husband, the immortal Stonewall Jackson. Mrs. F. M. Williams, President of the North Carolina Division, will also address the old soldiers on this day. On the third day, when the school children, the Patriotic Sons of America and the school committeemen are expected to march in a parade, Gov. W. W. Kitchin and Supt. J. Y. Joyner will be in the parade with them, and will also address the school committeemen and teachers on the subject of Education.

Contracts have been made for the following special attractions, which will be street attractions: Ocean Wave, Ferris Wheel, Merry-go-round and Wild West Show. All in all it begins to look as if the three days will be most interesting and everybody who attends will have a good time.

S. A. Hubbard, of Reidsville, gets the position of assistant state bank examiner, succeeding Chas. V. Brown, promoted to chief examiner instead of J. Kemp Doughton, resigned. John Nichols of Rutherfordton, a McDowell boy, was a candidate for the position and had strong endorsement.

Howard A. Foushee, of Durham, was named by Governor Kitchen as judge of the ninth judicial district to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge J. Crawford Biggs, who has accepted a professorship in Trinity law school. Judge Foushee will serve until the next election in 1912, when his successor will be elected. Mr. Foushee is a native of Roxboro, Person county, but has for many years been a resident of Durham, being a partner of ex-Judge J. S. Manning.

BIG EDUCATIONAL RALLY

Last Friday a Great Day for the Schools of Graphiteville; Fine Program.

Special to THE PROGRESS.

The two schools at Graphiteville met at the school house in the upper end of the district for an educational rally last Friday. The day was a great one for this community. All the parents were present with full dinner baskets, and seemed to enjoy the day very much, and did every thing to make everybody else have a pleasant time.

In the morning Mr. Ged Giles' school gave an exercise consisting of songs and speeches, which reflected much credit on teacher and pupils. This was followed by an address by Supt. D. F. Giles, who was listened to for thirty minutes with the closest attention.

Dinner was spread in picnic style, and everybody partook of the bounteous spread. Just before dinner a relay race was run by the children of each school, the lower school getting the prize by six seconds.

In the afternoon the lower school, which is taught by Miss Pearl Beck, rendered a most interesting program to the delight of every one present. This was followed by an old time spelling match between the two schools, which was very exciting at times on account of the desire of each school to win. The upper school won the match, but had only one boy left standing.

Mr. Giles and Miss Beck, the teachers, are exceedingly popular in the district with all the parents and children, and we predict for both of them great careers as teachers.

Sugar Hill News.

Sugar Hill, Sept. 11.—The showery weather is not appreciated very much by the farmers just now.

Quite a crowd from this place attended services at Bethel church Sunday.

G. C. and Dean Crawford attended the ice cream supper at Glenwood school house on last Saturday night and reported having had a fine time.

Rev. D. J. Hunt of Union Mills was a pleasant visitor in this community the latter part of last week.

D. W. Crawford left last week for Chapel Hill where he will be in school for the year.

Mrs. M. G. Harris spent last Sunday with Mrs. E. M. Wilson.

Misses Alice and Bertha Morris and Ella Lou Crawford spent the latter part of last week in visiting near Glenwood. Clerk of Court Thomas Morris was a welcome visitor last week.

G. C. Crawford made a business trip to Marion last Friday. "Isaac" has heard talked around about something that was in the paper about him from "Symantha," but since "Symantha" is so much of a Bible student, I suppose she knows "Isaac" was unable to read in his old days on account of his eyesight; therefore it is not necessary for him to advance any of his argument as to her ailments, for he could not read what she had to say in her reply. Therefore if she wishes to have a confab with him she must have it face to face.

Some folks seem to have their doubts about the squirrel story in last week's paper, but I don't suppose they will doubt it when they learn that there are men in this community who have been almost passed going on account of soar shoulders caused by shooting so much. B. P. Morris, who has had a bad shoulder for some time, is better.

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BODY FOUND IN A LAKE

Mysterious Death of Miss Myrtle Hawkins of Hendersonville—Sensational Case.

Asheville, N. C., Sept. 10.—The mystery of the sudden disappearance last Thursday of Miss Myrtle Hawkins, of Hendersonville, N. C., aged 17 and remarkably pretty, the daughter of a prominent family was apparently deepened this morning when her dead body was found floating in the waters of Lake Osceola, three miles from Hendersonville.

The discovery was made by three small boys who were fishing in the lake. A verdict of "death by means unknown" was rendered at the coroner's inquest this afternoon.

Miss Hawkins, who was the daughter of W. H. Hawkins, a jeweler of Hendersonville, left her home last Thursday to do some shopping. She never returned. Despite the most rigid search no trace of her was obtained until this morning when the body was found in a badly decomposed condition.

It is stated that certain evidence indicates that the girl was dead before her body had reached the lake. Reports from Hendersonville tonight are to the effect that later developments may prove the death of the young girl to be one of the most sensational tragedies in the history of the State. Lake Osceola fronts Lake View Inn and its banks are traversed daily by hundreds of carriages and motor cars.

CORONER TO REOPEN INQUEST.

Hendersonville, Sept. 12.—The next 24 hours will probably bring the solution of the Myrtle Hawkins murder mystery. Detectives are at work and it is rumored that a young man recently married and a local physician will be drawn into the case.

Myrtle Hawkins did not commit suicide. This is a settled fact. The girl died as the result of a criminal operation and the body was hidden away for three days and then carried to the lake and placed in the position in which it was found.

A second inquest will be held by the coroner.

Money in Truck Farming.

Catawba County News.

From 75 square rods of ground Mr. James McRee this year has sold \$205 worth of tomatoes, his family has preserved nine dozen gallons, the table has been liberally supplied and there are still some left on the vines. His boys sold \$65 worth of cantalopes from less than half an acre and he has sold no end of watermelons of which he kept no record. He had a load of nice ones here yesterday. Other truck was also sold. And in addition to this trucking he has 12 acres of cotton, the best corn crop he has had in years, made 200 bushels of oats and 260 of wheat. There isn't a thrifter farmer in the county and what he has done, not only this year but in other years, in the trucking line, is an object lesson. There is money in truck in this section, and any general farmer can carry truck patches along with other work and never notice that he is doing any extra labor. Mr. McRee says that he would have done about as much work anyway as he did with his patches, and there is the clean, extra cash for it.

BRIDGEWATER DOINGS

Graded School Building Nearing Completion—Movements of the People.

Bridgewater, Sept. 11.—Mrs. A. E. Neal, of Marion, spent last Monday here with her grandfather, D. B. Brown.

Mrs. Ben Conley and children, of near Marion, have returned home after a week's visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Tate.

Mrs. R. A. Abernathy is visiting relatives in Hickory.

Mrs. Ben Martin has returned home from Marion where she had been on a visit with relatives.

Miss Vera Corpening, who has been teaching for the past two months at the Sales school house, closed her school Friday and returned to her home near Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hewitt, of Marion, and the former's mother, Mrs. Hewitt of Catawba, visited relatives here Sunday.

Misses Florence and Nettie Hemphill, who are in school at Glen Alpine, spent the latter part of the week at their home here.

Miss Julia Rust has returned from a visit with relatives in Morganton. She was accompanied home by her cousin, Mrs. Annie B. DeLaney.

The Bridgewater graded school opened Monday with Misses Annie Lewis and Annie Morris, of Union Mills, as teachers.

Rev. D. S. Richardson held services at Snow Hill church Sunday evening. He recently closed a splendid revival meeting there.

Miss Eddie Young returned home from Hankins last week where she has been teaching for two months. She entered Nebo school Wednesday.

Miss Pinkie Tate and little niece, Sadie and Mattie Adams, visited friends in Marion, Friday.

The graded school building which has lately been established near Harmony Grove church, is nearing completion, and school will be opened there some time this fall. This school will be a great convenience for the community in which it is located.

J. N. Yelton spent Saturday in Rutherfordton on business.

Mrs. M. F. Tate spent Saturday with friends in Nebo.

We have at last gotten the long talked of and much needed public road from Bridgewater up North Muddy creek. Maybe we are planning to connect with the public highway near here.

We had a heavy rain and considerable storm here Saturday afternoon. Some trees were uprooted and corn blown down.

Mrs. Mart Hildebrand is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Sigmon, at Nebo.

Rev. Tod Gibson of Gastonia preached at the Presbyterian church here Sunday night.

J. D. Adams returned to his home in Lancaster, S. C., last Monday.

Misses Kit and Louise Dyart and Annie Baber of Marion spent Monday in Bridgewater.

Miss Olin Yelton, who is teaching near Dewartville, spent the latter part of last week with home folks here.

BETTYE

Low Rates to Exposition.

The Southern Railway announces low round trip rates to the Appalachian Exposition at Knoxville, Tenn., tickets on sale daily from September 9 to October 1 with final return limit ten days from date of sale.

"Many attractions every day. Mighty, magnificent and mammoth midway. Greatest horse racing ever had in the South. Aviation and aerial flights daily. Great fireworks displays. Grand hippodrome of great acts, presenting the world's greatest acrobats and feature performers."

"For further information, rates, etc., see any agent or write R. H. DeBUTTS, T. P. A., Charlotte, N. C."

The round trip fare from Marion is \$5.40. Charlotte and Durham have been designated as postal saving depositories, to begin business October 7.