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\$1.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE

TO REBUILD FAIR BUILDINGS.

At the meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Jackson County Fair Association held here Saturday afternoon it was definitely decided to rebuild the grandstand and exhibition buildings that were burned last fall.

The President was authorized to appoint a committee whose duty shall be to work out the preliminary details and have charge of the building work. The homes of the members of the committee other than that of the Secretary, Mr. E. L. McKee, have not been announced; but the committee will be completed in a few days.

The work on the new buildings will begin in a short time and it is believed that the buildings will be finished by the first of May.

The next annual Jackson County Fair will be held on the last three days in September and the first day of October. Giving four days just after the busy season and before the unpleasant weather begins. The management of the Fair will begin at once and work until the opening day in the effort to perfect all the arrangements looking toward making the Fair everything that it should be. A number of wholesome amusements will be secured and nothing objectionable will be allowed on the grounds. The most important matter of the whole Fair, the exhibits, lies with the people of Jackson county. At each succeeding Fair there has been a marked improvement in the quality of exhibits on display and it is expected that those this year will far surpass anything of previous Fairs.

All together. Everybody. Let's begin now and have a Fair that is a Fair.

SWAIN WILL \$100,000 IN BONDS AT FIVE PER CENT

The Swain Highway Commissioners met last Saturday and decided to issue at once \$100,000 five per cent thirty year bonds. On account of the European war and the uncertainty of the future money market, the Trustees thought it best to dispose of a block of bonds while the opportunity was good. A large portion of this money will be placed on time deposit in the banks and will draw four per cent interest, so the district will be but little loser by the transaction.

Next regular meeting of the Trustees will be held April 2nd, at which time an engineer to have general supervision of the road building will be employed. Bryson City Times.

DR. BREWER ACCEPTS

Biblical Recorder, March 17.

Dr. Charles E. Brewer of Wake Forest, sent last week to Chairman W. N. Jones of the Board of Trustees his formal acceptance of the Presidency of Meredith College, this city, recently tendered him. Dr. Vann will continue his duties as President until next commencement, as will Dr. Brewer continue his duties at Wake Forest as Dean and as head of the Department of Chemistry. Dr. Vann will then enter directly upon his new work as Secretary of the Board of Education and he will be succeeded immediately by Dr. Brewer.

ALLEN SHOT AND KILLED AT VIOLET

Dock Allen was shot Tuesday night near his home at Violet.

Mr. Allen with his son and But Higgs, discovered a fire in the Hatmaker house near the Allen home in the first part of the night, and went there and put the fire out, as they were leaving some one was seen near them and Mr. Allen called to him to stop, the party answering by shooting Mr. Allen and firing several others who ran. Mr. Allen was shot in the abdomen, the ball penetrating the liver. Dr. Patton of Murphy was called to see the wounded man and did everything possible for his restoration. Mr. Allen died Wednesday night about 8 o'clock.

We are told that the party who did the shooting is unknown, but an inquest was to be held yesterday and something may be brought out at that hearing that will throw some light on the affair. Mr. Allen was a quite and peaceable man and stood well in his community and the tragedy is much regretted. Cherokee Scout.

"MOONLIGHT" SCHOOLS

According to the 1910 Census Report, 15.3 per cent of the native born whites in Jackson county over ten years of age cannot read and write. In this respect Jackson county holds the 77th place, 76 counties in the State having a smaller per cent of illiterates than we do. The average of the State is 12.3 per cent and for the United States it is 3. per cent. There are only two states in the Union which have a larger percent of native-born white illiterates than does North Carolina. We see, therefore, that North Carolina is very much behind the other states in this respect and we also see that Jackson county is very much behind North Carolina.

Something must be done. We cannot afford to remain among the most ignorant of the United States. For a long time we have been laboring and sacrificing to educate our boys and girls and I believe that Jackson county, according to her wealth, is raising as much money locally—by local tax and private donations, for schools as any county in the State and I am glad to say that today our number of boys and girls under twenty-one years of age who cannot read and write is indeed very small.

Since practically all our boys and girls can read and write (and we are going to continue teaching them) the problem of reducing the percentage of illiteracy in Jackson county is to be met in the men and women who have not yet had the opportunity of learning to read and write.

When we remember that North Carolina sent into the civil war ten thousand more men than she had voters and when we think of the awfulness of the struggle of the few returning home even to live, we do not wonder so much that many of the orphan sons and daughters were not taught to read and write. We may justly, and truly should be proud of the heritage they gave, yet by virtue of this heritage we stand very low from the standpoint of literacy. So long as these noble men and women remain illiterate among us, our per cent of illiteracy cannot further be very rapidly re-

duced. It is true that a great many of their heads are getting white and they will soon be taken away, but shame be to us if we stand idly by, waiting for them to totter into the grave! Let us help them to live—live a fuller life; not wait for them to die!

In Kentucky the "Moonlight" Schools are very rapidly reducing adult illiteracy and these schools are being established in many places in North Carolina. These schools were first organized in Rowan County, Kentucky, in 1911 and the first year almost one-third of the county was enrolled. The teachers of the district schools hold night sessions where the men and women come, some to add to the very limited education received in the very inadequate schools of their childhood, others to take their first lesson in any school.

Next August when schools begin, I hope that these "Moonlight" schools will be started in an organized and systematic way. But there is hardly a district in the county in which a teacher does not live or at least some one who is capable to and I believe a great deal may be accomplished before time for school to start. I am glad to say that one of these schools has already started and a man, forty years old who knew neither his letters nor figures has been taught to read and write and add any number. I hope to hear in a short time that these schools have been started all over the county. DAVID H. BROWN, County Superintendent.

DEITZ AT ANDREWS.

Biblical Recorder, March 17.

Pastor T. F. Deitz wrote us from Andrews on March 8: "I am getting on very well in my new field. We are having good crowds and splendid interest. There were eight additions to the church last Sunday. This is a large field and owing to the increase in business and the establishment of manufacturing plants, the influx of population is considerable. Feeling my weakness and inability to manage all the departments of the Lord's work. I have been authorized by the brethren to select a man for an assistant pastor. Will you help me through the Recorder? I want a young, active man who can preach and who is good at organizing and leading people in B. Y. P. U. work, etc. And especially I want him to be somewhat acquainted with vocal music, sufficient anyway to have charge of the church choir."

JESSE UPTON APPEALS TO SUPREME COURT

"Four years at hard labor" was the sentence pronounced against Jessie Upton for the killing of his brother-in-law, Manley Brendle, on Christmas day, 1911. Judge Cline passed the above sentence last Friday and immediately Upton's legal adviser gave notice of an appeal to the State Supreme Court. The appeal was granted and defendant released on \$4,000 bond. Bryson City Times.

BIG SLEET.

News reaches us of a big sleet in the Big Ridge section, last week, when considerable damage was done to the timber and orchards. The large orchard of Hayes Hooper was one of the principal sufferers, it being damaged to a considerable extent.

FRANKLIN MAN KILLS SELF.

Dewitt Cunningham a prominent young man of Franklin was almost instantly killed Saturday afternoon when his pistol was accidentally discharged and the ball entered his brain. Young Cunningham was driving along the road in a buggy and took his pistol from his pocket to examine it. He was looking into the barrel when the buggy ran into a rut and the jar discharged the pistol.

SCHOOL CLOSING

The Graded school at Dillsboro will have its closing exercises on the 20th, 21st and 22nd of this month.

Saturday night, the nineteenth, there will be an entertainment given by the children of the lower grades. Sunday morning at eleven there will be a sermon in the school auditorium. Monday afternoon, at two, there will be an address in the auditorium. Men of interest will deliver the sermon and address and everybody will be welcome to hear them.

Monday night, beginning at eight o'clock, the final entertainment will be given. There will be a small admission fee charged. Everybody is cordially invited to attend throughout the closing.

APRIL FOOL SALE.

The Ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will give a surprise package sale at the auditorium on Friday evening April 2nd.

Each member of the Society will prepare several packages containing articles of needlecraft or home-made candy, which will be sold at 10cts. each.

No purchaser will know the contents of the package but there is more than a dime's worth in each package.

A cafe with tables, menu cards and pretty waitresses where a "Green Tea" will be served, will be arranged.

A program consisting of music and readings will be rendered.

More extensive notice will be given next week.

Helen Cathey Sect.

CENSUS DIRECTOR ROGERS.

Hon. Sam. L. Rogers left his home in Franklin last Friday for Washington, D. C. where he has assumed the duties of the office of Director of the Census to which he was recently appointed by President Wilson.

Mr. Rogers has held several positions of importance, having been Collector of Internal Revenue under the second administration of President Cleveland and having served for twelve years on the Corporation Commission of North Carolina. He was the manager of the campaign for Senator Simmons in 1912 when Mr. Simmons was opposed for the Senate by Chief Justice Walter Clark and Governor Kitchen.

Thomas Moore returned Wednesday from Raleigh where he has been during the session of the General Assembly.

TO WORK RUBY CITY MINES.

J. J. Wild was here Tuesday en route to Ruby City. Mr. Wild states that the owners of the Ruby City mines are contemplating beginning work up there at once. New machinery for the corundum works has been shipped and is expected daily. A number of men will be given work in a short time.

It is the intention of the exploiters to construct an electric railway from Ruby City to Willets, utilizing the power on Dark Ridge creek.

COL. CROOK DIES

Washington, D. C., March 13.—Col. W. H. Crook, disbursing officer of the White House, who was President Lincoln's body-guard, and who has been intimately acquainted every President since, died today at his home here. He had been suffering from pneumonia for more than a week.

GLENVILLE.

Editor of the Jackson Co. Journal Dear Sir—I see in the Journal the advertisement of an anonymous Author who writes without giving his name or address, says he is 98 years old was born in Jackson. He thinks there is no one here who can guess who he is. I am ten years his junior being 88 he claims to have had an acquaintance with Judge Cannon and others in Judge Cannon's time.

I remember a man that visited Webster by the name of Jack Cogdill!

I think about the time that Swain County was organized. It was said that he and his son had gone to Swain County. I guess Jack Cogdill is the man as I cannot find any other man that fills the description of the anonymous author as he advertises himself.

So that I may not be further tedious Jack Cogdill is all the man that I can look up that fills the bill. With best wishes to the Journal. J. R. Buchanan.

NEW HOSPITAL FOR ANDREWS.

Andrews Sun.

Colonel Frank Buell is planning to establish an up-to-date hospital at Andrews, for surgical and other cases which will be modern and thoroughly equipped and managed in every way.

All physicians in this section will be expected to use this hospital for their patients on equal terms. An institution of this sort is badly needed, and will be greatly appreciated here.

In acknowledgment of the gift of \$20 realized from the play "Six Kleptomaniacs" and presented to the Missionary Society of the M. E. church by ladies of the Baptist Auxiliary to be applied to the building fund of the new church, the society wishes to extend heartfelt thanks for the same as well as deep appreciation of the spirit which prompted the gift.

Mrs. M. D. Cowan
Mrs. A. S. Nichols
Mrs. W. H. Rhodes

J. I. Lovehahl was here yesterday from Caney Fork.

J. A. Adams was here Tuesday from Wallace.