

SELMA SCHOOL NOTES.

Although the epidemic of measles caused a large number of the pupils to miss school, still there is quite a number who have not missed a single day nor been tardy a single time. Following are the names:

First Grade—Thomas Brown, Mazie Jones, Marie Mazingo, Person Mazingo, Rose Worley and Mary Young.

Second Grade—Anna Harmon, William Utley Stallings, and Needham Ward.

Third Grade—Not any.

Fourth Grade—Norwood Batten, Esther Lee, Lela Smith and Mozelle Stallings.

Fifth Grade—Lucile Creech, Gladys Holland, John Harmon, Thelma Oliver, Clarine Poole, Elmer Prince, Cedric Stallings, Mabel White and Edgar Young.

Sixth Grade—Miriam Breitz, Mildred Driver and Carrie May White.

Seventh Grade—Margaret Cameron, Elma Poole, Agnes Rose, Martha Ward and Francis Young.

Eighth Grade—Jennings Talton, Elizabeth Earp, and Gertrude Stallings.

Ninth Grade—Ruth Worley.

Tenth Grade—Orman Bailey, Lena Johnson and Lelia Straughn.

Eleventh Grade—Rosa Waddell.

G. R.

Last Friday the Selma school children went out on a crusade against dirt. The different grades were divided into squads and each squad was given a certain street to cleanse of paper. They wanted to show the town people that Selma could be made to look clean. They hope that those people who tear open envelopes and throw the edges on the streets will learn that every little bit of paper thrown on the street helps to make a dirty town.

G. R.

Miss Harlowe asked her pupils to write her a letter for their English lesson and to tell her what the President was urging the people of the United States to do. The letters were written and most of them did exceedingly well for fourth grade pupils. The best one was written by Lottie White. It has had a few corrections. It is as follows:

"Selma, N. C.,
May 8, 1917.

"Dear Miss Harlowe,
"President Wilson is asking us to plant plenty of food. He says if the farmers of America will plant more crops it will be helping the United States as much as the men who are fighting for our country. It is not the country that will have the most men. It is the country that can feed the troops the best that will win. The farmers can nail a flag on their plows. To plow under the flag will help the United States also."

L. R.

Last Wednesday our assembly exercise program was very good. It was a Mother Goose Festival. The children from the fifth and sixth grades represented some of the Mother Goose rhymes we use to read. The lower grades guessed what the children in the parade represented.

L. R.

Mr. Stevens had charge of the chapel exercises on Tuesday, May 8, because Mr. Proctor was not in town. "Stand Up for Jesus" was sung and Mr. Stevens read a few verses from the sixteenth chapter of Matthew. His subject was "Jesus' Habits of Prayer." Jesus had a time to pray. He prayed in some quiet place, on the mountain, desert, garden, etc. He always had a constant spirit of prayer. He always prayed in a crisis or a change in his life. Jesus could be alone in a dense crowd. His greatest blessings came when praying as our greatest prayers always do. This was one of the best talks Mr. Stevens has made and was also the last of his series of talks on prayer. On Thursday Mr. Stevens and Mr. Johnson were with us. Mr. Stevens read some verses from Romans, 14th chapter. "Somebody imitates us." Perhaps we think no one is thinking of the way we do, but somebody is. Mr. Stevens told a story to illustrate this: After Mr. Stevens finished his talk, Mr. Johnson made a talk.

The Sheep.

Arizona sheep owners are reaping a rich harvest this year. The clip which averages for Merinos about seven pounds per animal is selling unscoured for 54 cents, giving a gross income of nearly \$4 a head. The lambs, now about sixty pounds in weight, are selling for 14 cents or more. There is every reason why Texas farmers should have small flocks of sheep. Along with the chickens and the hogs, they are money crops of first importance.—Houston Post.

Death of Mrs. Betsy Johnson.

On Saturday morning, May 5, 1917, the Messenger of Death came into the home of Mr. J. L. Crabtree and took the spirit of his mother-in-law to the home beyond the River of Death. Her death was a very great shock to the community. She had been in feeble health for more than a year but was as well as she had been in a good while that morning, and ate a hearty breakfast, and was about beginning to churn some milk when Mr. Crabtree heard her make some complaint and saw her drop in a chair and hurried to her and asked her what was the matter and she said, "I don't know." He helped her to bed where she soon breathed her last. She had lived to a good old age as she was nearing her eightieth birthday.

Mrs. Johnson before her marriage was a daughter of Hobson Oneal and married Haywood Johnson, who died some 45 or 50 years ago. To this union was born three children, two boys and a girl, one of the boys having died a few years after his father, and the other, Mr. Harris Johnson, of the Corinth section, is living yet. The daughter, Mrs. J. L. Crabtree, died about a year and a half ago.

Mrs. Johnson was a member of the Baptist church and had been for more than fifty years and her life was always that of a true Christian. Everybody that knew Aunt Betsy, as she was called by most people in the community, believed she lived that noble Christian life every day, and as long as she was able she always attended her church regularly. She was a good neighbor, always ready to do what she could.

Her funeral was preached on Sunday, May the 6th, in Thanksgiving church of which she was a member, by her pastor, Rev. C. E. Stevens, after which she was laid to rest in the family cemetery at Mr. H. E. Eason's in the presence of a large congregation of sorrowing relatives and friends.

We wish to extend to the entire family our deepest heartfelt sympathy and would say to them to follow the way that mother and grandmother has lived and then as we cross the river we will meet her one by one.

A FRIEND.

NEW HOPE NOTES.

Among those attending the commencement at Falcon this week are Misses Lena, Nellie, Rena, Naomi and Ferlie Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Graham spent the week-end near Smithfield.

Last Thursday officers from Benson made a raid in this section. One small still and two barrels of beer were destroyed. They were unable to locate the cap and worm. The still was located near the home of Mr. B. J. Grant on the west side of the Smithfield and Clinton road.

The people of Antioch M. E. church will celebrate Children's Day Sunday morning, May 20th, at 11 o'clock. The children have been under the training of Miss Sallie Sanders. Come prepared to hear something good.

The boys of the community are invited to the school house Saturday afternoon for the purpose of playing baseball. There will not be any debate until Saturday evening, May 26th. The query to be discussed at that time is, "Resolved, That the South in time to come will equal or surpass the North." Meeting hour 3:30 o'clock. The girls as well as boys are invited to be present.

Owing to the cold weather of late, crops are in a very serious condition. In many cases cotton is to plant a second time.

BILL BOY.

Keep the Harrow Going.

No other implement is worth so much in crop cultivation as the harrow. The winds take up very rapidly the water supply from the cultivated fields during the spring and summer. This water supply, which is so essential to the production of good yields, could be largely conserved by running the harrow over the grain fields as soon after each rain as the land crusts over. The young weeds would also be killed, the soil aired, the grain invigorated and better yields result. When you first break land, do not allow the clods to dry and remain through the summer. Use the harrow while the clods are soft and easily broken.—Southern Planter.

Three Big Lawyers.

Senator William E. Borah has announced his intention of retiring from the Senate when his term expires. Senator Borah is said to be one of the three greatest constitutional lawyers in the country. The two other big ones are Elihu Root of New York and Joseph W. Bailey of Texas.—Charity and Children.

It's the early vegetable that brings the big price, and the man who sticks to his hotbed and makes use of it always gets to market first.

THE NEWS IN CLAYTON.

Commencement Exercises a Grand Success, With Nine in Graduating Class. Oxford Orphanage Class to Give Concert on May 23rd. Many Personal Items of Interest.

Clayton, May 16.—Miss Maude Pope, of Raleigh, visited relatives and friends here this week.

Miss Pearl Lowry, of Apex, arrived Tuesday to visit Miss Duba Ellis.

Miss Lynette Porter, who for the past few months has been working for Barnes-Duncan Co., left Monday for her home at Greensboro.

Mr. G. T. Smith, of Lillington, spent Sunday night here with relatives, returning Monday morning, accompanied by his wife and little son who have been here for a week.

Misses Louise and Eloise Guinn, of Rocky Mount, visited the K. P. Home last week.

Miss Emma Lee Jones left Tuesday for Fremont to visit relatives.

Mrs. M. G. Guley left Wednesday morning for Cary to visit relatives.

Miss Alma Hall is visiting friends in Zebulon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Smith and children, of Selma, were here Sunday.

Miss Thelma Sherrill, who for the past week has been visiting friends here, left Wednesday for her home at Lillington.

Miss Willie Hall left Tuesday for her home at Rougemont.

Mrs. Bennette Nooe spent last Sunday in Goldsboro.

Mr. Bennett Nooe, Jr., and Mr. H. E. Olive left last Saturday for Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., to attend the Officers Training School.

On Monday night of this week Mr. H. O. Ellis was made Policeman of Clayton.

On Wednesday night, May 23rd, the singing class from the Oxford Orphanage will give a concert in the auditorium of the Graded School building.

Miss Thelma Barbour, of Meredith College, spent last week-end here with her mother, Mrs. A. J. Barbour.

The commencement exercises of the Clayton Graded School closed last Friday night with the Graduating Exercises. The commencement was grand from start to finish, but it did seem that Friday night was decidedly the best. Nine graduates were enrolled this year, namely: Misses Carrie Austin, Elsie Poole, Telza Barnes and Winnie Barbour, and Mr. Irving Gower. Five medals were given in the school this year, three of them being won by Mr. Ransom Averitt, a tenth grade pupil, the other two being won by Miss Aldine Oncil and Mr. Irving Gower. We congratulate each one of them for their excellent work.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Sam White, Mrs. Bennett Nooe, Jr., and Miss Telza Barnes spent Wednesday morning in Raleigh.

The Price of Inefficiency in Road Work.

The annual report of the highway commissioner of Florida deals with the old story of the waste due to inefficiency in the management of the road work of some of the counties in that State. It is the result of the prevailing opinion among many persons who have not studied the subject that it takes no skill to direct unskilled labor, that all such work requires is ability to keep every man toiling as hard as he can be driven to work. The improvements that can be made by directing the work so that each man will work most efficiently are unrecognized because nobody ever heard of them. As a matter of fact road improvements call for skilled supervision just as the administration of road affairs calls for business ability. The report of Highway Commissioner Coke shows that not only are some of the counties carrying on their work of this character without proper bookkeeping systems, the lack of which will wreck any private business, but the county officers are also attempting to carry on the supervision of the work on the roads although they are without experience and technical knowledge. The result of this policy will be the loss of a considerable part of the money invested in improved roads. The commissioner recommends placing the road work of each county in the hands of a competent engineer or superintendent, for the reason that he will save many times his salary by cutting off waste and he will also do much better work than an inexperienced man can accomplish. In order to do this, however, he must be given proper authority. There are now competent engineers employed by some Florida counties which have issued road bonds, but they have had no voice in deciding the type of construction to be adopted and should not be held responsible for bad results.—Good Roads Bulletin.

It is just as important to rotate garden crops as field crops, and it is certainly a great mistake to plant the same crop on the same ground three or four seasons in succession.

Printed Stationery

The use of Printed Stationery is no longer confined to the business or professional man---Farmers, Contractors, Builders and in fact men in all walks of life are beginning to realize that Printed Stationery costs but little more than the unprinted kind and that every letter they write is a silent representative. Come in and let us talk it over with you and tell you what it will cost to have your stationery artistically printed.

Beatty & Lassiter

Smithfield, N. C.

Abandon Food Prejudices

Don't Be Finicky

Be willing to try new foods. Certain plentiful and nourishing foods widely used and enjoyed in one section are practically unknown in other sections of the country. Learn to know ALL the good things; not a few only.

People too easily get into food ruts—insist on eating only the food they are used to and refuse to give a fair trial to others. This causes undue demand for certain staples, with resulting scarcity or high prices when crops are short. At the same time other valuable foods may be relatively cheap and available. A striking instance of this is failure fully to appreciate rice—a valuable source of starch—when potatoes are scarce and high. Another example is refusal in certain sections to use anything but wheat as a breadstuff when corn—a valuable cereal widely used elsewhere as a breadstuff—is plentiful and relatively cheap.

Cook Food Properly

Learn how to cook all kinds of staple foods and to serve them in a variety of ways. Simple dishes well prepared are better than expensive foods badly cooked.

Many persons are prejudiced against certain good foods because, when first tried, the foods were improperly cooked or prepared.

Remove from your vocabulary "don't like" or "can't eat."

Most individual prejudices against widely popular foods are either imaginary or baseless.

Try to like every simple food; give it a fair trial.

—Government News Letter.