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State Department of Education Press Service.

A woman rural school supervisor to supplement the work of the county superintendent of public instruction is the latest advance in rural education in the state. Such a supervision is doing a most successful work in McDowell county, developing a few demonstration schools to show what kind of work can be done in elementary schools having efficient supervision. Five other counties now have women rural school supervisors assisting the county superintendent in a similar way.

The plan was first projected and worked out by L. C. Brogden, state supervisor of rural elementary schools, in conjunction with the Southern Education Board and the State Department of Education. Its adoption in McDowell was secured and it is working so well there that it is hoped that little difficulty will be experienced in having other counties adopt it.

Instead of scattering her efforts over the entire county, the McDowell supervisor this year is devoting her time to ten schools, seeking to make them demonstration schools, to show how the country schools can be made to train for practical rural living when they have proper teaching and proper supervision. Under her direction, and with the co-operation of the teachers in these schools and the superintendent, approximately two hundred boys have been studying practical agriculture, while one hundred girls have been doing definite and practical work in sewing. This kind of work has been done before in the high schools, but it is a new thing for the elementary schools.

Besides giving the children an exceptionally efficient elementary training, this plan is having an effect on the community. The people of Ashford, one of the communities in which this plan has worked well, have petitioned to raise the local tax from 20 to 30 cents, in order to add a room to their two-teacher school, making it an efficient school of the three-teacher type. They also intend to build a permanent home for their male principal, so as to secure his services for the community for the entire year, instead of for only six or seven months.

More than this, the plan is having a striking effect on the rural teachers. Made to realize their deficiency by the skilled supervision which they have had, many of them, now that the rural term is over, are taking practical teacher training courses of six weeks at the Nebo State High School. Here they study methods and practice of teaching under the skilled teachers of the high school and under the supervisor, not only receiving instruction in the most advanced primary methods but observing the work in the high school classrooms.

The supervisor uses one of the rooms in the high school building as a model to show the student-teachers how to make the little one-room country school attractive, comfortable and more homelike. The lectures and classroom observations are followed by carefully planned conference in which the student-teachers are questioned on the most vital things observed in the recitation.

It is a part of the plan of the State Department of Education to establish in connection with the best state rural high school or farm-life school in each county similar short teacher-training courses, the average rural elementary school more practical and efficient.

Down in Sunny Tennessee.

[Concluded from last week.]

Did I visit any young ladies? Well, now, what made you ask me that, when I have been telling you all along about these splendid times? Yes, I did make a few visits aside from those I have told you about. Uncle Jim said I liked to go down to the river real well. He said he knew it was entirely too cold to fish or swim. But shucks, Uncle was just teasing me, for he knows the parable of the man who found the pearl. You all know what that man did. Well, this will answer some of the questions why I went so often. I must tell a little joke on myself. I guess I am the worst fellow to get lost there is. Well, I think it was the first time I was down there that when I started back to Uncle's it was so dark that I could stick a hole in it. She insisted that I take a lantern which of course I accepted with care. I started and was half way home when all at once I came up in front of a house. I knew good it had no business on my way, so I called to know why it was there. I found my way to be exactly opposite to what I thought. I had gone twice as far as it was home and the good man informed me that I was exactly on my way back to the river (?) and I was muddy plumb to my knees. It was never any trouble after that. Had it been, the cozy home, kind hospitality, pleasant smiles and good things to eat would have been over pay.

Yes and the last day I spent in Limestone was one to be remembered, while at church I had to take the parting hand of the many who I believe to be my friends. But there is a brighter side because I had the great pleasure of visiting Mr. and Mrs. Edward Henley's lovely home which overlooks the busy town—yes up where the gentle zephyrs blow gently upon you as you sit in quiet repose after partaking of a dinner fit for a king. Then when you think you are done they give you two more courses of desert, any one who doubts my word just ask Rev. Mr. Towe, that good pastor of ability who deserves much praise for his great work there.

Was this all? no not nigh, for there were two of Tenn's, fairest along—those who know exactly how to make a mountain boomer think life is certainly worth living. Well, that was another time I was glad I was living.

I visited several other homes that day, the only way I can tell of them is to say that they were neat, beautiful and bounteous, with welcome written above each door. Of course among all these there was one place that naturally seemed more like home than any other. This was Uncle Jim's "ark" rightly named too, for there, any may find shelter and fare as though he was in the palace of a king. He sho do have eatables and all other good things that make life worth living. Then they are so jolly, why, you'd think they had just been married and were sweet sixteen. Uncle says he is living anyhow eight days a week and expects to live out his century. I tell you I can't see why he shouldn't. It's great to be there.

Wednesday morning it was sad to say good bye, but we were met in Johnson City by our jovial, good-hearted friend Mr. E. L. Herman, and in a short time we were suffering with comfort within his well kept little palace, and what a dinner. Nor did the hospitality lag. By the aid of Mr. Herman I saw the interesting part of the whole city by day, and with his son Dock I saw it by

A Beautiful Tribute to His Father.

A private letter from Mr. Iradell W. Woody, of Ashe county, a graduate of the A. T. S., in the class of '13, brings the sad news of the death of his father, which occurred on the 5th. The sentiment therein is so beautifully expressed by the heart-broken boy that we cannot refrain from publishing at least a few paragraphs taken therefrom:

"I think I am the saddest and loneliest boy in the world. All my memories of almost every happiness and reality that I ever experienced are linked inseparably with him. All these years he has been my constant friend, teacher, confidant and companion, as well as father. He has been a soul companion.

"I have though some great comforts, too. We were always happy together. I have no memory of his ever having spoken a harsh word to me, or of my ever disobeying him. So linked together have been our lives and spirits that I now feel his presence. And everything shall speak to me of him as he has to me of it; the songs of birds shall proclaim his cheer; the flowers, his love; the growing grasses and ripening harvests, his kind provisions; and the heavens, his home."

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It is worth your while to visit them. Now I come to my last, but not least, visit. We were met at Elizabethton by our cousin, Mr. Lossen Campbell—driven to his elegant home where we found happiness reigning supreme. Well, I can never ask for a better time. He has everything it takes to make life lovely. Yes, and the sweet music and the interesting games; the fat horses and three cousins to help all this along.

Yes, I am going back to Tennessee, for if ever I found a welcome, a good people, an abundance of everything in the world, a place where one can grow fat and be happy it is there. Here's to the land that I visited last:

The sunny land where you just can't fast. Where the weak grows strong, and the strong must see. We are ever welcome in Tennessee.

DON. J. HORTON.
Vilas, N. C.

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

The commissioners of Guilford county have decided to establish a school for wayward boys.

Uncle Sam now has on duty along the Mexican border 18,000 soldiers of the regular army.

V. J. McArthur, postmaster at Clinton, died last week, aged 69 years. He was a Confederate veteran.

It is given out that since last September thirty-three divorces have been granted in Guilford county alone.

The Scout says that during the month of February there were more than \$10,000 worth of chickens and eggs shipped out of Alexander county.

Alex F. Santos, who was in charge of the Confederate States mint during the Civil War, died in Norfolk, Va., on the 18th, at the age of 85 years.

The Womans' Missionary Union of North Carolina is holding its twenty-fourth annual meeting this week in the first Baptist church in Hendersonville.

Senator Simmons, who has been unwell for some time, is at his home at New Berne, to recuperate. His wife and confidential secretary are with him.

Collector Keith, of the port of Wilmington, has resigned, his resignation to be effective May 1. Democrats for some time have been anxious to see his place filled by a Democrat.

The venerable plant at Taylorsville owned by Connelly & Teague, was destroyed by fire recently. This is the Company's fourth fire and each time the loss was very heavy.

The Executive committee of the North Carolina Press Association recently met in Raleigh and selected Wrightsville Beach as the place, and June 24-30, as the time for the next meeting.

Clarence O. Sherrill, son of the State Librarian, Miles O. Sherrill, has been promoted from the rank of captain to major in the engineering corps of the United States Army.

A movement is on foot in New Berne to secure funds with which to place a bust of William Gaston, the author of "The Old North State," in the new administration building at Raleigh.

Mrs. Squires, wife of Mayor Mark Squires, of Lenoir, died on the 16th after a short illness. Beside her husband, she leaves two little boys, a father and mother and several brothers and sisters to mourn their loss.

It is stated that in Winston-Salem there are 2,700 children in the city limits unable to get into the schools, which are already over-crowded, and bonds to the amount of \$150,000 will probably be voted for new school buildings.

There will, it is announced, be another White House wedding in June, when Miss Eleanor Randolph Wilson will be married to Secretary McAdoo, the head of the Treasury Department. Miss Wilson is the youngest of the President's daughters, and is 24 years old, while Mr. McAdoo is 50 years old and a widower with six children, two of whom are married.

BEST FAMILY LAXATIVE.
Beware of constipation. Use Dr. Ling's New Life Pills and keep well. Mrs. Charles E. Smith, of West Franklin, Me., calls them "our family laxative." Nothing better for adults or aged. Get them today. 25c. All druggists or by mail, H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

The Relations of Faculty and Student Body.

Miss Florence V. Cole, a member of the faculty of the Training School delivered the following short but very timely and true little address before the faculty and student body one day last week:

"From the time that Socrates held his little intellectual court until the present day, there has been a feeling with the Student Body that the Faculty is its natural enemy. This has been particularly true of the small boy, to whom the teacher has been an implacable foe whose greatest joy in life was to deny him the privilege of hunting on an ideal winter day or fishing when the spring breeze called irresistibly.

"Some of these privileges are inalienable and belong to a boy by right of birth. They are the outlet for that tremendous energy characteristic of the small boy.

"The old time 'school master' gave little heed to these rights. He stood on a high pedestal of dignity, stiff of collar and of backbone, and swayed his classes with the ferule. The 'school marm' was even more awesome than this; she has become a matter of tradition. She was always an old maid, invariably scraped her hair tight back from her face, and exhorted her pupils in a shrill and nerve-racking voice.

"The up-to-date teacher wishes to avoid this sort of thing. Not only does the exaggerated dignity starch and dry the humanity within him, but it is obviously hurtful to the attitude of the student. It constantly reminds the small boy of his lost rights and he resents having knowledge forced into his head by a dignity so odious as the ferule.

"The Faculty members of the world are beginning to realize the wonderful method, opening to them year by year, of making friends of the students and being one with them. They are trying to substitute interest in the school for the loss of those privileges dear to the small boy's heart. They are trying to make him realize that by meanness he is not outwitting an enemy, but injuring a friend. They are giving him athletics, play-grounds and games of all kinds. They are giving him the Boy Scout movement, that he may bore his bare toes in the soft green turf of the bank, gaze with fascinated eyes upon the shadowy water and wait with expectant thrill, that only a really, truly small boy's heart can feel, for the nibble of the fish at the other end of the line; and do it in a way calculated not to interfere with his education.

"The Student Body is beginning to see this in its quick, keen way, and is beginning to respond in the desired manner. We are hopeful that the day will come when the prejudice of ages shall have been brushed aside and there shall be perfect understanding and friendship between the Faculty and that throbbing, pulsing small-boy heart of the school, the Student Body."

ENTRY NOTICE, No. 2,528.
State of North Carolina, Watauga county. Office of Entry Taker for said county.
D. H. Guyn located and enters 640 acres of land in Laurel Creek township on the head waters of Beech Creek. Beginning on Miles Prussell's spruce pine corner; then with said Prussell's line to Dave Baird's line; then various courses so as to include all the vacant land for complement. Entered March 10, 1914.
H. J. HARDIN, E. T.

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