

## EDUCATIONAL 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 supervisor 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 in 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 man for practical rural living when they have proper teaching and proper supervision. Under her direction and with the cooperation of the teachers in these schools and the county 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 deficiencies by the skilled supervision which they have had, many of them, now that the rural school 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 class rooms.

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 class room observations are followed by carefully planned conferences 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, to teach these teachers how to make the average rural elementary school more practical and efficient.

## BEST FAMILY LAXATIVE.

Beware of constipation. Use Dr. King'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 and St. Louis.

## Prospects of Another White House Wedding.

Prospects of another White House wedding became more definite today with the persistent renewal of the report that Secretary McAdoo and Miss Eleanor Randolph Wilson, youngest daughter of the President and Mrs. Wilson, were engaged, the marriage to take place in June. There was no announcement from the White House, and when the attention of officials was drawn to the report they refrained from making any comment or denial.

Secretary McAdoo himself said it would be indelicate for him to comment on the subject. Nevertheless official Washington is taking it as a definite fact that another wedding at the White House will be solemnized in June, after the adjournment of Congress. Many persons who know Secretary McAdoo were not surprised at the report because he has been a frequent social visitor at the White House during the year. Washington society has observed the couple at many a dance as well.

Mr. McAdoo is fifty years old, while Miss Wilson is twenty four. He is a widower and has six children, one son and one daughter being married. Recently a grandson was born to his eldest daughter in Arizona.

Mr. McAdoo knew the Wilson family before his entry into the Cabinet and has been an intimate friend of the President early in the pre-convention campaign. Miss Wilson was educated in the private schools at Princeton, N. J., and during the last few years has been making frequent trips to Philadelphia to an art school, where she has studied painting—Exchange.

## SPRING BLOOD AND SYSTEM CLEANSER.

During the winter months impurities accumulate, your blood becomes impure and thick, your kidneys, liver and bowels fail to work causing so-called "Spring Fever." You feel tired, weak and lazy. Electric Bitters—the spring tonic and system cleanser—is what you need; they stimulate the kidneys, liver and bowels to healthy action, expel blood impurities and restore your health, strength and ambition. Electric Bitters makes you feel like new. Start a four weeks' treatment—it will put you in fine shape for your spring work. Guaranteed. All Druggists. 50c and \$1.00. H. E. Bucklen & Co. Philadelphia or St. Louis.

## THE MORDECAI SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

### The Celebrated Mordecai School For Girls in Warrenton From Eighteen ten to Eighteen-twenty

(By Rev. E. S. Bronson)

The world is the home of the Jew and yet in his texture the home qualities of endearment between man and wife, parent and child, fit safely and snugly.

Mr. Jacob Mordecai, born in Philadelphia in 1762 and having married his cousin, Judith Myers, of New York a lovely and most loveable woman, in 1785, after several moves settled in Warrenton in 1795 to engage in Mercantile business. Apparently lacking the rare commercial instinct of his Race, about 1808 he was overtaken by such serious financial reverses as to throw him from an easy competence to an absolute poverty; making the maintenance of a large family a very alarming concern. At first he became a Steward of the Academy, taking a house without rent for the boarding of pupils. But finding the reward inadequate, then came the decision of the question of opening a school for Girls.

It seemed a very hazardous experiment. Though he and his wife were socially and mentally refined, yet they were the only family of the Jewish Faith in a large area of country, exposed to all the prejudices often cherished against members of that Faith. But happily for him, he had a grown daughter, Rachel, richly endowed with exceptional mental and moral qualities clearness of vision and steadiness of purpose, and at his side an English gentleman, Mr. Miller, of accomplished Messrs. Archibald Runket and La Taste, Frenchmen; refugees from San Domingo, as teachers of French and Music, and his son Solomon, who had been educated by the noted teacher, Mr. Marcus George. He and his daughter, Rachel decided to open a school, renting their old home and taking their Store house as a School room. The success of the first session, begun in 1810 determined the future of the School.

Soon their School reached the maximum of eighty pupils, beyond which, though often solicited, they would not let their number go. In the meantime they had taken an unfinished building, near the site of the Methodist Church, and fitted it up for the accommodation of their School. In its third year the teachers having moved, as usual, from the rooms the Candlesticks to secure an early retirement of the inmates, a girl adjusted a candle to the Wainscoting of her room to do some sewing, and falling asleep, the building was set a fire and destroyed; but fortunately the eighty inmates were rescued.

At once action was taken for their removal to another building, which afterwards, through some changes, became the present Mordecai Building of the Warrenton Academy. The School was continued with unbroken success to the year 1820, drawing patronage from Virginia as well as North Carolina and educating hundreds of girls, when the Mordecais

left the School to take up their residence in Richmond, Va.

Mr. Runket, who had married their daughter Caroline, continued the School for a time.

The writer knows no more touching indication of the devotion of the pupils, especially to its Lady Principal, Mrs. Mordecai, than is illustrated in the action of the wife of Hon. John Y. Mason, of Virginia. He had been Secretary of the Navy of the U. S., Attorney-General of the U. S. and was about to leave the United States to fill the position of Ambassador (?) to France. His wife called upon Mrs. Mordecai, now a silver haired old lady, to ask her Blessing.

Kneeling down by her side, with tears flowing down her cheeks, the old lady, with hands laid upon her head, recited the Priestly Benediction: "The Lord bless Thee and keep Thee; the Lord make His Face to shine upon Thee and be gracious unto Thee; the Lord lift up His Countenance upon Thee and give Thee Peace" (Was this to be a preparation for her affliction by the death of Mr. Mason in Paris, in 1859, before the close of his Embassy?) A remarkable illustration of the influence which Miss Rachel Mordecai could wield over others is shown by her contact with Miss Maria Edgeworth, the popular English Novelist of her day. Miss Edgeworth had made a portrayal of a Jew, especially obnoxious to Miss Rachel. She protested in a letter to Miss Edgeworth of the wrong done her Race by the portrayal.

Miss Edgeworth, in her response, apologized for her action. A correspondence thus begun was continued by representatives of both families for more than ninety years, and is still maintained. Miss Rachel married, in 1819, Mr. Lazarus, of Wilmington, became a Christian woman and died in 1838—the same year her father died.

I append some extracts from the advertisements of the School, as well as a Certificate of Merit, kindly furnished me by Mrs. W. A. Montgomery, of Raleigh, formal and stately in language. Did the Girls in their educational training reflect the type? "The course of instruction to be pursued, will be adapted to the varied dispositions and genius of my pupils; not losing sight of systematic arrangement and progression; my object not merely to impart words and exhibit things, but chiefly to form the mind to the labor of thinking upon and under standing what is taught." "Terms: For Board, Washing, Tuition and Lodging, one hundred and five dollars per annum."

"Miss P. closes her studies with credit, and is assured by her Preceptors that the obliging disposition which she ever evinced has not passed unnoticed, but obtains for her a well merited place in their regard." The Mordecai family represented very marked mental endowments. The oldest son,

Moses, became a distinguished lawyer and settled in Raleigh.

As sharer in his abilities his grandson is now the distinguished Professor of Law at Trinity College, Durham. Another son, George W. Mordecai, long an eminent Banker in Raleigh and extensively known through the State for his high virtues.

Another son, a graduate of West Point in 1823 at the head of his Class, was appointed by the Government, in Company with others, to inspect Foreign armies. The son of another son married the daughter of Rev. Mr. Norwood, Rector of Episcopal Church in Warrenton, and afterward as Rector of St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Va. Another son of great promise was killed in a duel in defense of a woman's fair name, by Page McCarthy, of Richmond. The Mordecai family lived for twenty five years in Warrenton, and few families, if any have left a brighter Record in her History.

## Nash Elects.

At a recent meeting of the Nash County Board of Health Dr. B. E. Washburn of Rutherfordton was unanimously elected Whole Time County Health Officer.

Dr. Washburn was selected from a list of twelve or fifteen applicants for the position and is considered unusually qualified for such work.

Dr. Washburn holds the degrees of A. B., A. M. and M. D. being a graduate of the Universities of North Carolina and Virginia. For several years he was librarian at both universities. After graduation in medicine at The University of Virginia he spent one year in hospital practice and later, a year in private practice at his home town. This he gave up to accept a position with The Rockefeller Sanitary Commission as field director, in which capacity he has been employed for the past year.

Nash County is fortunate in securing the services of this particularly qualified young physician who will devote his entire time to preventing sickness and reducing the death rate in that county. Nash County is to be congratulated for taking this wise and progressive step.

It is unfortunate that more of our counties do not do likewise.

## STUBBORN ANNOYING COUGH CURED.

"My husband had a cough for fifteen years and son for eight years. Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured them, for which I am most thankful writes Mrs. David Moor, Saginaw, Ala. What Dr. King's New Discovery did for these men, it will do for you. Dr. King's New Discovery should be in every home. Stops hacking coughs, relieves la grippe and all throat and lung ailments. Money back if it fails. All druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00. H. E. Bucklen & Co. Philadelphia or St. Louis.

## Mass Meeting of Citizens

A mass meeting of the citizens of the County was held in the Court House on Monday to take steps to organize a Co-operative business, under the auspices of the Farmers Union. Quite an enthusiastic meeting was held, and quite a number of shares of stock were subscribed

by Warrenton citizens. It was decided to have Headquarters at Warrenton, as this was a central point and the County Seat. A charter was applied for.

The business will be conducted upon a purely mutual plan. Goods will be sold for cash, and profits returned to purchaser at end of the fiscal year. We welcome this Co-operative enterprise to our midst, as it will mean much to this community. As we understand the purpose of the stockholders, it is to sell at market price; but in so selling the purchaser gets his goods at cost, plus the cost of doing business. It will hold out to the cash buyer an inducement to trade where he will stand the chance of getting back in dividends his profits.

## NOTICE.

State of North Carolina.  
In The Superior Court.  
Warren County

Ben Fishel, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
W. H. Wright, Defendant.

Whereas, on the 3rd day of February 1914 Ben Fishel, the Plaintiff in the above entitled action, applied to the Superior Court of said Warren County for an attachment against the property of W. H. Wright the above named Defendant, on the grounds that said Defendant was indebted to said Plaintiff in the sum of One Thousand and Seventy-three and 44/100 Dollars (\$1073.44), and that said Defendant is a non-resident of the State of North Carolina; and whereas the summons issued in said action was by the Sheriff of said Warren County, on said 3rd day of February, 1914, returned with the following endorsement: "W. H. Wright, the Defendant within named, can not after due diligence be found in Warren County;" and whereas affidavit was made by said Plaintiff to obtain service by publication; and whereas an attachment, on said 3rd day of February 1914 was duly sued out and levied upon all the right title and interest and Defendant W. H. Wright in certain Real Estate situated in the County of Warren, State of North Carolina; and whereas on said 3rd day of February 1914 an order was made by said Superior Court that notice of this Action be published for four successive weeks in The Record, a newspaper published in said Warren County, setting forth the title of this Action, the issue of the said attachment, and requiring the said Defendant, W. H. Wright, to appear at the June Term 1914 of the Warren Superior Court to answer or demur to the Complaint of the Plaintiff in said Action.

Now, Therefore, notice is hereby given to W. H. Wright, the Defendant in the above action, that an action has been commenced by Ben Fishel against said W. H. Wright for the recovery of the sum of \$1073.44; that a warrant of attachment, returnable to June Term 1914, of Warren Superior Court, has been issued and levied against his interest in certain Real Estate in the County of Warren, and the said W. H. Wright is hereby further notified that he is required to appear before the Superior Court of said Warren County at the Court House in Warrenton, N. C. on the 15th day of March, 1914, and answer or demur to the Complaint in said action, or the relief demanded in said Complaint will be granted. This the 25th day of February, 1914.

J. K. RODWELL,  
Clerk Superior Court.  
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