

TO OPEN SEPT. 9TH.

ASHEBORO GRADED SCHOOLS.

Patrons Invited to Discuss With the Superintendent Any Matters Concerning the Graded Schools.

The next term of Asheboro Graded School will open Thursday September 9th at 8:45 a. m. All the chosen teachers will be present and will so arrange the work that the school will start with as little friction as possible. It is the aim of the management of the school to get down to solid work right away but in the matter of classification haste will be made slowly. Students will be placed in the grades that their previous work permits. Those students who did only a part of the work last year will not of course be promoted unless there is shown some good reason for such promotion.

To the many friends and patrons of the school we will say that we are going to do what we think is right regardless, and we want you to help us decide upon what is right. Feel free to talk with the superintendent and the teachers concerning any matter pertaining to the welfare of your child while in school. The teachers are here to serve you and will feel that they can best do this when they know your wants.

The school books will be kept by the Morris Scarborough Moffitt Co. and will be on the shelves by the opening of school. See to it that your child is present the first day in order that he may be in a position to get his books and start even with the other children. Don't handicap your boy or girl by starting his or her work after the others have advanced quite a bit.

We are free to tell you that we think your school will be well handled. In the first grade will be found Miss Erwin who has for several years had this position so satisfactory. Miss Stinson will again direct the second graders not only to their delight but also to that of the parents.

Miss Annie Blair, of our town, will have charge of the third grade. Miss Blair has done an untiring work in the school for some time and will be a splendid frame to direct the interesting work of the third grade. The fourth division is a large and studious grade. Miss Isla Blue, of Aberdeen, will direct their mental and physical capacities. Miss Blue is a graduate of the Southern Presbyterian College and has had quite a bit of experience.

Miss Florine Carothers, of the fifth grade, comes to us from Rock Hill, S. C. She is a graduate of Winthrop College and is full of the inspiration it sends out. She has taught in its practice school two years.

Experience is always a valuable asset. Miss Estelle Webster, of Archdale, this county, has taught for several years on the way from primary to college entrance work. She is an alumna of G. F. College. The sixth grade is hers.

In the seventh we have Miss Ida Byerly of Davidson county. Miss Byerly graduated one year ago from our State Normal College and last year taught at Yadkin College. She, as well as all the others, comes well recommended.

The eighth and ninth grades will be under the direction of Miss Gertrude Wilson, of Canton, N. C., assisted by the superintendent. Miss Wilson won the scholarship from Guilford College to Bryn Mawr University three years ago and since spending a year there has been teaching. She taught in Hickory high school last year.

The tenth grade will do work with the superintendent.

The music department is in the hands of Miss Nannie Bulls, of our town, and Miss Eunice Williamson, of Boynton, Va. We all know Miss Bulls well in the music line and for Miss Williamson suffice it to say that she is a graduate of the music department of Converse College and has had several year's experience in teaching. She will have a class in express on.

In summary let us say that all our teachers except those who have already "made good" with us are graduates from our best colleges and have had more or less experience. Your children will be in good hands. Your school board has done its best to get you efficient teachers and it

TERRIFIC RAIN FRIDAY NIGHT

The Heaviest Short Rain Fall in Years. Randleman Cotton Mill Suffers From Flooding.

Soon after midnight last Friday night there was a terrific down-pour of rain throughout this section of the state.

The rain for a few minutes exceeded anything of the kind here for years. The rain was heavy for an hour. Water courses were not as high as they have been this season because of the fact that the down-pour was not long enough, although the precipitation during the night was according to the weather bureau in Greensboro, two and one fourth inches. It is believed that more water fell in Asheboro than in Greensboro.

In Greensboro the Smithman Grocery Company sustained losses estimated at from \$1,500 to \$2,000, the first floor of their building where were piled up on the cement floor large quantities of cakes, crackers, sugar, etc., being flooded.

Much damage was done to garden vegetables in many places. During the storm there was much thunder and lightning, though no serious damage is reported as resulting from the electrical storm, the most damage reported as being the burning out of many phones for the local telephone companies.

At Randleman there was evidently a cloud burst, as a small stream running by the Randleman Manufacturing Company, known as the new mill, rose very high and flooded the first floor of this mill to a depth of about three feet. The beaming room being on this floor many warps were damaged, amounting to between \$1,000 and \$1,300, it is estimated. The river did not rise unusually high it is said. There was some damage to the streets in Randleman, and several bridges over the small stream that rose so high were carried away, otherwise no great damage is reported.

Frazier Held for Court.

After a preliminary hearing lasting several hours, James H. Frazier, charged with burning the residence of Mrs. Lydia C. Newman, near Greensboro, five years ago, and also charged with being implicated in the murder of Mrs. Newman several weeks ago, Justice of the Peace D. H. Collins, of Greensboro, bound the defendant to court. Many witnesses were examined, and the court house, where the hearing was held, was packed during the time. John Leonard, who is also mixed up in the case, having been indicted for indecent exposure by Frazier's wife, was also bound over to the September term of court on that charge.

Neither of the men being able to give bond both were remanded to jail to await court.

Alliance Officers Elected.

The following gentlemen were elected officers of the State Farmers Alliance at the meeting held at Hillsboro last week:

President—Dr. R. H. Speight, of Edgecombe.

Vice-President—J. H. Williamson, of Columbus.

Secretary-Treasurer and State business agent—George E. Parrott, of Lenoir.

Lecturer—H. M. Cates, of Alamance.

Executive Committee—J. A. Davis, of Edgecombe.

Exhibiting His Strength, He Dies Suddenly.

Mr. Tony Voight, foreman kiln burner at Pomona Terra Cotta Works, who had a weak heart, in exhibiting his strength last Friday with another companion, dropped dead, the fourteenth time he raised a fifty pound iron bar above his head. He leaves a widow and one child.

Odd Fellows Meet Next at Fayetteville.

At the meeting of the Grand encampment of I. O. O. F. for the province of North Carolina, held at Salisbury last week, Fayetteville was selected as the place where the next annual meeting will be held, and the second Tuesday in August is the date fixed.

only remains for you to do your best. Let your wants be known and rest assured that we will do likewise. Don't forget to visit the school often. O. V. WOOLEY, Supt.

General News Items.

Mr. R. E. Mendenhall, of High Point, died Sunday afternoon after a lingering illness, aged fifty years.

The High Point Review says that the business men of High Point will build a railroad connecting with the Southbound at Denton.

Dr. Chas. E. Trotter, of Franklinville County, this state, was last week drowned by the sinking of a government tug in Gloucester Harbor.

Mr. John G. Rencher, one of Chatam's best-known citizens, died at his home at Pittsboro on the 11th inst., aged 70 years. On account of failing health he retired from the active practice of law several years ago.

A charter was issued Monday to Fayetteville Observer Co., with \$10,000 paid in and authorized capital of \$50,000, to do general newspaper and job printing business.

Gov. Kitchen issued requisition papers Monday for K. A. Purser, arrested at Spartanburg, S. C., and wanted in Mecklenburg county on a charge of seduction, preferred by Miss Eva Hughes.

Charles M. Lamb, a traveling man from Goldsboro, was arrested at Marion Monday, charged with living in adultery with a woman who was traveling with him. He went to jail in default of a \$200 bond.

D. M. Comer, of Statesville, has invented a spring wheel for vehicles which is designed to displace pneumatic tires on automobiles, etc. Mr. Comer has applied for a patent on his invention and thinks it will be a success.

Charles L. Taylor, a native of Salisbury was drowned last Wednesday when a tugboat on which he was a passenger rolled over and sank off Cape Ann. Besides Taylor Charles H. Trott, of Franklin, and two negroes, were drowned.

A very serious cutting scrape occurred at Albemarle Saturday night, the 15th, when one Lonnie Maynor carved up A. F. Whitley, a prosperous farmer of Stanley county. The parties were drinking and became involved in a quarrel. Two gashes were cut on his face, two on his neck and several others on his back and hips. Maynor escaped.

The many friends of Capt. L. R. Exline will regret to learn of his death at Pittsboro last Wednesday. Capt. Exline served an arm in the war, in which he lost with much bravery, and for some months his health has been bad. His genial and cherry disposition had endeared him to all with whom he came in contact and he will be missed by his many friends.

The Wells Cramer Tobacco Company, formerly of Wilson and now of Northfork, has filed with the clerk of the United States Circuit Court at Raleigh a suit against the American Tobacco Company, claiming \$1,000,000 damages for injury to the business of the plaintiffs through trust practices alleged to be exercised by the American Tobacco Company, crushing out competition.

All the factories are increasing from short hours to full ten hours a day, six days a week, and most of the plants are running full capacity, orders are being received and business in the manufacturing line is improving wonderfully. New families are moving to Thomasville and filling the vacant houses and soon the town will be thriving as well as before the depression in business, says the Charlotte correspondent to the Charlotte Observer.

Al Thompson, white, shot and killed his wife and one W. H. Lemon on Wednesday of last week at Manteo. The wife and the man with whom she had eloped recently had returned to Manteo and abducted two children that were in Thompson's possession and to regain possession of them the shooting occurred. At last account Lemon was still alive but in a serious condition. The woman was well connected in Dare county. Thompson surrendered to the sheriff.

BIG FARMERS' UNION MEETING

Farmers Union of Flint Hill Has Picnic Which Proves Enjoyable and Profitable.

A most interesting meeting of the Farmers Union of Flint Hill, was held August 15th, nearly all of the members being present. Everyone seemed to be filled with enthusiasm, and took part in discussing the several important subjects that presented themselves. I am glad to say that we have a good local at this place, and we mean business. Every man is willing and anxious to put his shoulder to the wheel, and help to push the good work along. We have already demonstrated, to our utmost satisfaction, that co-operation is the thing. Cooperation has proven to be the backbone of success in the commercial and manufacturing worlds, and why then, brother farmer, is it not just as essential for us?

I am glad to note that there are being employed more modern methods of farming throughout our country, which is good evidence that we want to do something. Now let us throw off that old mantle of selfishness, and put on one of a different texture, one that will help us in our progress. Let us come together, and pull together, my brother farmer. Don't you know that we need each others help? Have you forgotten the adage: that together we stand; divided we fall. Now brother farmer I want to tell you through these columns that we have a Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America the principals of which are of the highest order, and stand for truth, honesty, sobriety and brotherly love—equity, justice and the Golden Rule. What more could we desire? Now just one word; at our last county meeting I was appointed county lecturer and organizer, and I expect to visit you some day; therefore it is my desire that every one of you begin now to study the meaning of education and cooperation; make up your mind to join in with us, and help to pull for the good of justice.

Very truly yours,
W. E. FARLOW,
Sophia R. F. D. No. 1.

Farmers' State Convention August 24-27.

The following letter has been sent out by T. B. Parker, Secretary N. C. Department of Agriculture, which contains suggestions that will be of benefit to any of our readers who may wish to attend this convention, which is to be held at the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, Raleigh, beginning next Tuesday, August 24th:

"A Reception Committee, of which W. C. Etheridge is chairman, will meet all trains arriving at the Union Station Monday evening, Tuesday and Wednesday. When you get off the train, look for men with badges: 'Reception Committee', or for sign: 'Headquarters, Reception Committee, State Farmers' Convention', and make yourself known. The committee will take care of you.

"Those who prefer will be assisted in securing satisfactory accommodations in the city, while those who wish to room at the College will be escorted there and provided with rooms free and meals at cost.

"Those who intend rooming at the College should notify Mr. E. B. Owen, West Raleigh, when they will arrive, but failure to do this need not prevent anyone from securing a room at the College on his arrival. Those expecting a room at the College should bring towels and pillows with them.

"The accommodations for rooming at the college are not good, owing to the fact that the college has no furniture or bedding except that furnished students, but such as is there will be at the disposal of those who wish to avail themselves of it."

Policeman Attacks Mayor Ball Team.

Policeman J. D. Hayer, of Asheboro, assaulted H. A. Lynch, manager of the Asheboro ball team, in Asheville, last Friday, as a result of some words they had had in regard to opening the park gates. The officer has been tried and fined and suspended for fifteen days.

Mrs. Oliver King, of Mocksville, sailed from New York last week with her five children, for Panama, where Mr. King has a position with the government.

Whitehead-Davis Wedding.

Last Thursday morning, August 12th, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Stanton Davis, of New Market Township, a beautiful marriage vow was solemnized between Mr. Banner Whitehead, of Snow Camp, N. C., and Miss Jessie Ruth Davis.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Eli Beece, of Greensboro, in the presence of a large circle of friends and relatives. The house was tastefully and beautifully decorated, the color scheme of green and white being carried out. In the party were E. J. Coltrane and Miss Kate Phillips, leading; then came the groom with his best man, Mr. D. E. Highfall, of Liberty, followed by the bride leaning upon the arm of her brother, Mr. W. S. Davis, who gave her away.

Miss Bessie Parkins, of Trinity, played the strains of Lohengrin's march. After the ceremony, dinner was served and the newly married couple left at once for their home in Alamance county.

Mr. Whitehead is one of the most popular young men of Alamance. For some years he has devoted himself to the study of agriculture, and is one of the best farmers of the county. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Stanton Davis, of Randleman, Route 1. The large number of beautiful and expensive presents attest the popularity of the young people.

Predicts Heavy Business.

Washington, Aug. 17.—A heavier business than ever has been known in a single year is looked for by Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, for American railroads during the present fiscal year.

The serious situation anticipated is that there may be a shortage of cars. The crop prospects are considered so bright that the likelihood is the railroads and other transportation companies may be taxed beyond their capacity to handle the freight that will be offered to them.

Petition For Local Option Election.

Roanoke, Va., Aug. 17.—The "drys" of Roanoke to day presented petitions bearing over 600 names of freeholders to Judge W. R. Staples, of the corporation court, asking him to order a local option election for this city for the latter part of September. The court will announce his decision within the next few days. Roanoke voted out the saloons last December but the election was set aside by Judge Staples. Under the law the decision of that court in such cases is final.

Why the Difference in Postal Rates?

Cartage Rate.
You can now send a parcel not worth over \$80 and weighing not over eleven pounds to Japan, by United States mail, for 12 cents a pound. But right here at home you cannot mail a parcel weighing over four pounds at all and you must pay 16 cents a pound for what you do send. Why? Because the express companies need the money and they stand in with the G. O. P.

Editorial Committees.

Chambersburg, Aug. 17.—A. Nevin Pomeroy, president of the National Editorial Association, has made the following committee appointments:
Committee on Postal Laws—William C. Hammer, Asheboro, N. C., and Col. R. R. Perry, Winchester, Ky.
Committee on Legislation—F. G. McKenzie, Tallahassee, Fla.

Farmers Have Battle With Guns.

Lee Bennett and Jack Tilloston, of Stokes county, had a controversy in regard to the line between their two farms, last week. Five friends of the parties took a hand and five are wounded, and two of them seriously.

Notice to Teachers and Committeemen.

On account of recent developments the dates for the first three teachers' meetings have been changed. Therefore there will be no meetings of this kind at Colridge, Trinity or Farmer until advertised later. We hope to arrange for these meetings in September.
E. J. COLTRANE,
County Supt. of Schools.

WANTS GOOD ROADS.

COULD EASILY HAVE THEM.

Suggestion to Road Overseers—Condition of the Roads Reflection on the Progress and Intelligence of Our Good County.

Dear Sir: I would like for you to bring before your readers the subject of improving the present roads in the county. It is a fact that the soil in Randolph, over a large part of the county is suitable for the very best of dirt roads, and I don't see any reason why we cannot have them. If you will drive over most any of the roads in the county you will find stretches of road which are dry and smooth, and rarely ever become out into ruts in winter time. Now why is this? The facts as the writer has observed them is on account of improper ditching out and throwing up in the center, and in every case where one finds the road deep in mud he will find that the ditch is below the ditches or no ditches at all. You go along the road now after these heavy rains and the red clay roads, which in Randolph is mixed liberally with quartz and gravel, will be found to be dry and smooth except where the road is not ditched out. Here also the driver of a team sees his mules flounder in the mud, he cracks his whip, yells "gid up," the patient brutes flounder along patiently and silently, and their silence is more than made up by the rather red hot language of the driver.

I would suggest that the Overseers of roads put in all of their time ditching out those low sunken places instead of simply going over the road in a careless perfunctory manner, throwing in a shovel of dirt here, and a handful of brush there. Such road work does very little good. The strength of a chain is according to the strength of its weakest link, and no matter how good the road is in some places, if there are low sunken places in which the water stands and cannot run off you have to load your team for that place, as you can only get through with so much.

If the system of working the roads this way does not provide for these places being ditched out then I would suggest that the Board of County Commissioners see some of the money which is at their disposal for working out these bad places in the roads. One or two thousand dollars so expended would make the very best showing that the same amount of money could be spent for.

I think it is a great reflection on this progressive and intelligent county that the roads in some places are in the condition they are, when it would be so easy to fix up those almost impassable places, and thus we would have a very good system of dirt roads.

This of course, until we vote bonds and macadamize our roads, which we will have to do before very long or we will be left behind by the progressive counties adjoining us.

Yours truly,
"CITIZEN"

Good Meeting.

One of the best revivals known in years closed at Shiloh Christian church last Friday night. More than twenty professed faith in God, and a large number were added to the church. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. R. Williamson, assisted by Rev. J. Frank Morgan, of Elon College.

Shiloh claims the honor of having the best Sunday school in Coleridge T. S. and has for its superintendent that Christian gentleman, Prof. F. M. Wright, and it is under his management the school has prospered.
J. T. LAMBERT.

Celebration.

Fairmount Union Sunday School will have a celebration at Science Hill the fifth Sunday in August. Mrs. Mary Hobbs, of Guilford College will deliver an address.
Cordial invitation extended to all.

Burglars at Fayetteville.

Unknown parties entered the store of Ernest Sykes in Fayetteville last week and blew open his safe and secured \$360 in cash and some papers and made their escape.