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GRADED SCHOOL OPENS.

Large Enrollment—Strong Faculty School Grounds to Be Improved.

The Asheboro graded school opened last Thursday with an enrollment of 426. Subsequent arrivals have increased this number to 435. This is considered a most satisfactory opening when it is remembered that the school population of Asheboro is only 530. Of the 95 now out of the graded school some 25 or more are attending school elsewhere.

The following teachers are directing the school this year: Miss Maggie Irvin, of Rock Hill, S. C., the first grade; Miss Laura Stinson, of Randleman, N. C., the second grade; Miss Elbie Miller, of Biscoe, N. C., the third grade; Miss Cora Womble, of Moncure, N. C., the fourth grade; Miss Bertha Penn, of Stella, Va., the fifth grade; Miss Mary Wilkinson, of Reidsville, N. C., the sixth grade; Miss Ida Byrly, of Yadkin College, N. C., the seventh grade; Miss Gertrude Wilson, of Canton, N. C., the eighth and ninth grade, and O. V. Wooley tenth grade.

The curriculum of the school is now of sufficient merit to entitle a graduate entrance without examination to the State University or to any of the leading colleges of the State. The graduating class of this year numbers twenty.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society will soon begin the beautifying of the school grounds, they having already had a landscape gardener from New York make a plot of the grounds. It is their purpose to beautify the front part of the campus and arrange the back part for an up-to-date play ground.

The patrons and teachers alike are delighted to know this long-felt want is soon to be realized.

The colored school under the excellent leadership of J. A. McKee and his two assistants opened up in its new building with 140 students. Nearly every school subject in Asheboro goes to school.

Randolph Agricultural and Educational Fair

The Randolph Agricultural and Educational Fair and Home Coming Week is growing to success.

The manager of the Fair says there is only one doubt in his mind, but that the fair and home coming week will be a grand success. Certainly this doubt is not a serious one, for we believe the farmers will do their part, that is, they will exhibit their live stock and field and garden crops and win the several hundred dollars in cash and premiums.

The fair manager has made arrangements with some ten or twelve of the leading agriculturists and educators to be with us on certain days of the fair. Among other attractive demonstrations will be a model dairy room operating, doing actual work in cream separating, butter making and testing of milk.

Arrangements for the parade are being made. Already several big vegetable, automobile and motor truck parades have been arranged for. Large quantities of the fair program and maps of the fair are being distributed on Good Roads Day.

Every person in the county is urged to send in the names of those who may be "home comers," that they may receive a special invitation and program of the home coming week.

It is a grand idea for the old wagoners to hold a reunion during this week. There was never a more loyal citizenship than many of these busy comers who traded from the mountains to the cotton fields, acting as a traveling exchange store, carrying the products of the mountain and Piedmont farmers to the cotton fields and textile owners of the Carolinas.

Jail Delivery at Troy.

Before day on Monday morning of this week there was a jail delivery at Troy of five negroes and a white young man. All the prisoners were in jail awaiting trial for minor offenses. They secured a black diamond crosscut saw file, and filed the steel bars in the side of the cage and escaped. The Troy jail is a modern jail guaranteed to be fire proof and "nigger tight," built by the Panly Jail Co. The two cells cost \$5,000 and were built 15 or twenty years ago. It has been considered absolutely safe.

What the "Back Home" Movement Will Do for the Carolinas.

1. It will promote the agricultural and other advances of the State squarely before those of the West or elsewhere through the agency of North Carolina people, both at home and abroad.

2. It is a personal and public campaign in opposition of our people by the Western and Canadian railroads.

3. It is an appeal to one of the strongest natural impulses of human beings, and therefore, a flank movement in our contest with the western states and Canada.

4. It will bring many persons into this State, both its former citizens and others who, through their influence, have been led to investigate its advantages.

5. It is the basis for federating all the State organizations in the common cause of immigration, and bringing them into active co-operation with the railroads. Nothing can stop it.

The Ashlyn Hotel.

The new handsome hotel on Fayetteville street, built of brick and stone, was completed some thirty days ago. For several weeks the work of furnishing the hotel has been going on. Each room has a telephone, hot and cold water. The rooms have private or connecting baths, and are all furnished with the best and latest styles of furniture.

The hotel was built and furnished by Messrs. W. J. Armfield, D. B. McCray and T. H. Redding, three enterprising gentlemen, at an expense of some fifteen thousand or more dollars.

It is modern and up-to-date, one of the best equipped hotels in the State, neat and clean as a pin, with polite and attentive servants.

There are about 20 rooms in the hotel.

Mr. J. Bart Webster has leased the hotel and comes to Asheboro recommended most highly and with a popular record in Winston-Salem and Mt. Airy as a hotel keeper, well and favorably known to the traveling public.

Mr. Webster says he likes Asheboro and Randolph county, and expresses the desire to help along the good work of making known to the outside world the superior advantages of this favored section of the State.

"Back Homers at Charlotte."

The "Back Home" meeting in Charlotte last Tuesday was largely attended and much enthusiasm manifested. A permanent organization was formed with the following officers:

President, Hon. Lee S. Overman of Salisbury.

First vice president, W. C. Dowd of Charlotte.

Second vice president, H. B. Varner of Lexington.

Third vice president, Z. P. Smith of Fayetteville.

Secretary-manager, B. H. DePriest of Shelby.

Executive committee, Messrs. Fred Olds, O. F. Cooper, J. A. Gaines.

Mysterious Death at Hendersonville.

On last Thursday morning, Miss Myrtle Hawkins, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hawkins left her home in Hendersonville and did not return at night.

On Sunday morning the dead body of the young girl was found in Lake Okechuck, three miles from Hendersonville. There were no marks of violence on the body but it was evident that Miss Hawkins was dead before being thrown in the water.

The latest developments in the case are that there is evidence of the young girl's death having been caused by a criminal operation, and that two prominent citizens of Hendersonville, one a physician, are liable to be arrested at any time. Miss Hawkins was engaged to be married to Mr. Iral Cooper, a young business man of Johnson City, Tenn.

A fearful epidemic of cholera is raging in Switzerland.

Support of Farmers Needed.

Mr. Farmer and Family:—The success of the Randolph Fair is now assured, with one exception; you can remove that; we want you to do it.

If you do not exhibit your live stock, field and garden crops, fancy work, pantry supplies etc., the Fair cannot be the greatest possible success. If on the other hand you will each bring something we can all together make a grand showing and nothing will be wanting to have made the Fair a true success.

In a few days the premium list, rules and regulations of the Fair will be sent out over the county to the committees and from them to you. There is over a thousand and five hundred dollars to be given away in cash and premiums. It will cost you absolutely nothing to exhibit any thing that you have on the farm except poultry and a charge of fifteen cents for each bird for the week will be to pay for an attendant and to feed them. No charge will be made for live stock and those who do not bring feed can buy what they want at the lowest possible price.

If you bring an exhibit that is at all meritorious you will be admitted to the Fair grounds from the first day. But after the first day no one will be permitted unless they be attendants to live stock or otherwise connected with exhibits that demand their presence.

Mr. Farmer, we want you and your wife and your children to co-operate with us that we may place every penny of the premiums in the hands of someone who has exhibited and this will not only make this year's Fair a success but it will encourage the donors to do greater things next year.

Do not be discouraged because of the dry weather and short corn crops, each has something worth showing to us and to your neighbors, a small showing a poor year is as gratifying as a big showing a good year.

Again I wish to impress upon you the importance of your helping to make the Randolph Fair a success by bringing something from your home and farm to the Fair.

Yours for the greatest county Fair in the state.

Geo. R. Ross,
Sec'y and Mgr.

Teachers' Meeting and Examination.

On the 29th and 30th of September a public examination will be held in Asheboro for teachers who have no certificate. This examination is held in the place of the regular examination in October, in order that teachers may have more time to secure their schools. The examination will begin at 9 o'clock Friday morning and continue until Saturday noon.

At 12 o'clock sharp the first meeting of the County Teachers' Association will begin. It is important that every teacher who expects to teach be present. Many important matters are to be discussed and emphasized, among which are the new adoption of school books, a better grading of the children, the formulation of plans for the county commencement at the close of the rural schools, beginning the Teachers' Reading Course, the Educational Day at Asheboro, and so forth.

I shall see that every teacher attend or send a written excuse for her absence. This will be the most important meeting for the year.

S. T. Lusiter,
Co. Sup't of Schools.

Killed at Spencer.

Elwin Winn 23 years old, a car inspector on the Southern Railway yards at Spencer, while walking in front of southbound train No. 43 last Sunday was struck by the locomotive, and knocked off that track onto the main line northbound track just as No. 38, a fast mail train came along at full speed. The first train probably gave the young man his death blow and the other train ran over his body severing one hand and foot.

Mr. Winn was a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morton, of Spencer. His home was with his parents at Gloster, Miss., where the body was sent for burial.

Asheboro to Have a Company of Infantry.

All citizens who are interested in the promotion of a Company of Infantry in the State Guard are asked to meet in the court house at eight o'clock tonight.

The Adjutant General has sent to Asheboro blanks and instructions for the organization of Company K, Third Regiment, Infantry.

The mayor, J. A. Spence, and Maj. Moffitt will address the meeting. Everyone interested is invited to show their interest by coming out.

Jas. H. Kivett
Geo. R. Ros

SHORT ITEMS OF NEWS.

Mr. S. A. Hubbard, of Reidsville, was appointed to the North Carolina Corporation Commission last Tuesday to succeed Mr. J. Kemp Doughton, State Blue Examiner, resigned.

Governor Kitchin has appointed Howard A. Foushee, of Durham, to fill out the unexpired term of Judge J. Crawford, Biggs of the Ninth Judicial District, who recently resigned to become a professor in the law school at Trinity College.

Chief Justice Ira B. Jones of South Carolina has resigned to become a candidate for governor against Gov. C. L. Blease. Gov. Blease's questionable record will be the issue in an effort to redeem the state from its present intolerable condition.

Deaths.

Mrs. Penn Arnold died at her home in Western Randolph, last Friday at the advanced age of 88 years. She was the mother of Mrs. Frank S. Lambeth, of Thomasville; Mrs. I. J. Fuller, of Tabernash; and Mr. T. J. Arnold, of Davidson County; and a sister of Mr. H. C. Kearns, of High Point.

Mrs. Wm. A. Ring, formerly of Randleman, died at her home in High Point last Saturday, aged 39 years. Her husband, a small daughter, and an infant son not many days old survive her.

Doing Well With Chickens.

Mr. H. G. Fish, who is engaged in chicken farming near Asheboro, has had most successful experience this year in raising chickens.

From 61 Anconas during the months of March and April of this year he sold eggs and in those two months two hundred and four dollars' worth of eggs. Besides the sales made for hatching and other purposes several hundred chickens were hatched from eggs laid in those two months. The record of the white Wyandottes was even better than that of the Anconas.

In July of last year Mr. Fish got a setting of the Twinkings strain of white Wyandottes from which were hatched seven pullets and two cockerels. From this pen of birds Mr. Fish sold eggs for hatching the past season \$16.50, stock sold to date \$40. He has on hand 29 choice pullets worth easily \$2 apiece, and two pens of younger stock that will bring ten dollars a pen. This makes a total of \$193.

This is a remarkable record. It shows what can be done in the South by a northern man who comes down here with an eye to business. Mr. Fish says that the Anconas are the best layers in the world, and that they hold the world's record.

Maine Stays Dry.

The last returns coming in from the county districts of Maine indicate that the prohibition clause in the state constitution will be retained by a majority of nearly 500.

Fair View News.

Miss Estelle Crawford will take a special course in music this year, consequently will not return to the State Normal until the first of October.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Myers, a fine son.

The 4th quarterly meeting for the Randolph circuit will be held at Fair View Church on Sunday the 17th. Preaching in the afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. W. R. Ware. Quarterly conference will be held after preaching at 10 o'clock on Monday, the 18th.

Another Confederate Soldier Crossed Over the River.

The friends of John M. Steele, who died at White Oak cotton mill on September 5, 1911, will regret to hear of this good man's death.

The remains were shipped to Ramseur September 6 and attended to his final resting place by a large assembly of relatives and friends. The following veterans were chosen for pall bearers: A. B. Covington, Co. K, 33 North Carolina Regiment; J. M. Lambert, Co. E, 44 North Carolina Regiment; John T. Turner, Co. M, 23 North Carolina Regiment; Dallas Frazier, Co. K, Fifth Cavalry; John W. Alfred, Co. F, 70 Regiment Juniors; Miles Cross, Co. I, 23 North Carolina Regiment.

The writer of this sketch knew Mr. Steele about all their lives. We went to school together when small and were class mates through four seasons of school. His father moved near Columbia, we grew up and scattered off from our parents.

Mr. Steele married Miss Elizabeth Whitened in 1869, settled in Chatham county, and farmed for a few years. He then came back near the old place and worked in and around the factory until a few years later when he moved to the place where he died.

In the war I did not serve with him, but saw him in the army. He went off in '62 and was in Major Steele's battalion in the camp of instruction at Raleigh. In the fall of 1862, I came home on furlough and stopped and spent the night with him on my way. When I shook hands with him at parting the next morning, I saw the tears in his eyes, and he remarked to me, "I would like to go with you John, to the front, I think there is my place, but you have no wife and I have one at home and it is my duty to stay as close to her as I can. But in '63 he got to the front. His battalion was disbanded, and the boys were sent to different regiments to fill up. Mr. Steele, his brother, T. J. Steele, and Neal Burgess were sent to Fannon battery of artillery on Jackson's wing, in Virginia. I know what Jackson expected of his men at the front, my boys, and they went without a groan.

In the year 1893 I settled on an adjoining lot to Mr. Steele. The deceased was no member of any church, but believed in the Primitive Baptist faith. He has worked with me at the carpenter trade and in my shop a great deal and I never seen a better hand nor a better man. I think if there had been a black spot about him, I had all chances to find it out. If he could not speak a good word for his fellow man, he would not speak a bad one. I have no doubt but Mr. Steele has crossed over the river and is resting in the arms of the Lord.

Now, a word to all of the old veterans. We are fast passing away; a few more years and we will be placed in our last resting place. So let us all live the life the deceased brother lived, and no doubt we will cross and rest with him.

If I have misrepresented anything in these remarks, I beg to be pardoned.

John T. Turner,
Co. M 22 Regiment,
Ramseur, N. C., Sept. 8, 1911.

Mr. W. A. Webster Dead.

Mr. W. A. Webster, a prominent citizen of Archdale, and at his home in that town after a lingering illness last Saturday night. The funeral services were conducted at the residence Monday afternoon by Revs. S. B. Hilliard, of High Point, and Raper, of Trinity.

The deceased was a graduate of Trinity College. He was a highly respected Christian gentleman, who leaves many friends to mourn his departure. Several sons and daughters survive, one of the daughters being Miss Estelle Webster, formerly a teacher in the Asheboro graded school.

Mr. J. Crooks Lippard, of Concord, recently submitted to an operation whereby blood was transferred from his body to that of his sister, Mrs. A. W. George, of Elkin, who has been dangerously ill at St. Leo's hospital in Greensboro for some time. Mrs. George is said to be improving rapidly.

MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE

This is the Verdict of the Jury as to Henry Clay Beatie

For almost three weeks the trial of Henry Clay Beatie, Jr., for the murder of his wife, was in progress at Chesterfield Courthouse, Va. The jury, composed almost entirely of farmers, retired last Friday afternoon at 5:28, and in just 58 minutes returned with a verdict of guilty, but as no degree of murder was specified, they were asked to retire again, which they did and were soon back announcing the verdict as first degree. Mr. Will Carter, counsel for the defense, was denied a new trial, but secured a ninety days' stay of execution, within which to file a petition for a writ of error from the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia. The prisoner was sentenced to be electrocuted in Richmond, November 24th.

Beatie maintained his iron nerve to the close of the trial, trying to comfort his aged and broken father, but broke down and wept after reaching his cell.

Story of the Crime

On the night of July 18th, last, Beatie, who is a youth of 26, took his bride of a little more than a year for an auto ride on the midland turnpike near Richmond, returning with her dead body and telling of a highwayman who had shot her. The defendant, however, failed to convince the jury of the truth of this story. The prosecution maintained that Beatie's motive for the crime was Beatie Brinford, the "woman in the case." The story of the accused's relations with this slip of a girl for the past four years, beginning when she was only thirteen, riveted in loathsomeness the story of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw.

The jury frankly admit that they could not but consider the marital infidelity of the young husband, as well as the evident fact that he killed his wife. Before casting their ballots, the twelve jurors knelt to ask divine guidance in the matter.

Old Wagoner's Reunion to be Held at Asheboro During Fair Week

I went to Asheboro Saturday and called on Mr. Geo. R. Ross, the manager of the Randolph Fair and Home Coming Week, and asked him if he could lend any encouragement to a reunion of old wagoners.

No counties furnished more wagons during the days of Reconstruction than did Randolph and the adjoining ones, and there are a large number of them now living who would be glad to meet and shake hands with each other. As they talked of the good times, and it was for this reason that I called the attention of our "old wagoners' reunion" to the management of our County Fair and Home Coming Week.

Mr. Ross had made arrangements for a good camping ground and plenty of wood and water, this is all we need and of any one man I hope a number of the old wagoners of this section will send letters to him or to county papers expressing their desire and the time that evening, as I have already heard many say they would attend.

Furthermore the grounds will be for the old wagoners only and no other (this will be allowed to camp there).

One old wagoner who hopes to meet many of his old friends at the camp this Oct. 31-Nov. 3.

Yours truly,
K. L. Wainingham.

Surles Spencer.

A quiet marriage took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Spencer at Archdale Wednesday evening, September 6th, at 7 o'clock, when their daughter, Miss Mary, attired in a beautiful gown of white satin, became the bride of Mr. A. P. Surles, of Dillon, S. C. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. S. Raper. After the marriage a supper was tendered the couple and a number of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Surles left immediately for Mr. Surles' home, where a reception was given. While this marriage was expected, only the intimate friends had been advised of the exact date.