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WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA FAIR

Although the Western North Carolina Fair is not to be held until October 7, 8, 9 and 10, the management has already opened offices in Asheville for the purpose of promoting the third annual fair and to use its best efforts to produce the most successful fair ever held in all Western North Carolina.

It is the desire of the management of the fair to secure to a greater extent the co-operation of the citizens of all the counties throughout Western North Carolina, and in attempting to do this they do not want to conflict in any way with any of the county fairs now being held in various counties, but rather expect to work with the management of the other smaller fairs to help make each of them a success.

The management of the fair is going about the matter of promoting this year's offering in the proper way. They are using much space in the weekly papers throughout the western part of the state. The News this week carries their initial announcement, which will no doubt be read with a great deal of interest by many of our readers.

Their catalogue will be ready for distribution in a very short time, and we would suggest that everyone who can, write for a copy of this book and prepare to make a number of entries in the various exhibits. Further announcement of this fair will be made in the News from time to time.

A GOOD WOMAN GONE

Sarah Samantha Jones, wife of Rev. M. L. Jones, after an illness of five months, died at her home near Penrose on May 3, 1913. She was born in Henderson county April 18, 1843, and just prior to the Civil war moved to Transylvania county. Mrs. Jones was twice married; first to D. M. Lankford, and afterwards to Rev. M. L. Jones. She was a woman of strong and noble character, and in the long period she was permitted to live in our midst she has made hundreds of friends, always having messages of love and sympathy for everyone. She has been a faithful and consistent member of Enon Baptist church for over fifty years. Very few times was her seat vacant at church, and then only when she was providentially hindered from attending.

"Aunt Samantha," as she was familiarly known, always made it a rule to give one-tenth of her income to God. When she carried her chickens, eggs and butter to the store the merchants knew that one-tenth must be paid in cash to go into the Lord's treasury.

Enon church and the community will miss her familiar figure, but her influence and timely advice shall move on down the years until it shall have made glad the gates of the eternal city of God.

Sister Jones was permitted to have an active mind during her severe illness. Just two or three days before she died she called to her husband and had him write out a program for her funeral; first selecting a minister to preach her funeral, then the verse of scripture for a text, the songs to be used and the pall bearers. We believe she was ready for the great crisis that was just ahead.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. R. Owen of Canton, N. C., at Enon church on May 5, 1913, a large large company of sympathizing friends following her body to its last resting place in Enon cemetery. She is survived by her husband, one brother and one sister.

A FRIEND.

For the ailments of women, DR. SIMMONS' SQUAW VINE COMPOUND is an effective remedy. It corrects irregularities, builds up a strong body, promotes cheerful spirits and restores a clear, healthy complexion. Price \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by S. M. Macfie. adv

THE INSTITUTE COMMENCEMENT

The Institute commencement came to a close Tuesday night and most of the students left Wednesday morning for their homes. The session just coming to a close was a very successful one, and great progress has been noted.

The commencement exercises commenced with an entertainment in the Institute chapel last Friday night by the primary department.

The last chapel exercises of the year occurred Saturday morning. Each of the students were given a green ribbon on which was printed in red ink "Institute Chapel, May 24, 1913" as a souvenir of the occasion. On Saturday afternoon the boys held their annual field day exercises, and a number of athletic contests were conducted. The base ball game between the Institute boys and the town boys had to be called in the fourth inning when the score was 6 to 4 in favor of the town.

The feature of the commencement exercises was the sermon at the Methodist church Sunday morning by Rev. Gilbert T. Rowe. Dr. Rowe's sermon was full of good advice to the students, and was listened to with closest attention. The church was crowded to the doors.

Monday afternoon the annual music recital by the teachers and advanced students took place, and in the evening the annual inter-society recitation contest and debate took place. There were several contestants in the recitation contest and the speaking was very spirited.

Tuesday evening the graduation exercises were held. Diplomas, certificates and medals were presented to various students for department, grades, etc., and the cup was presented to the president of the Lanier society, the Laniers having been adjudged the winners.

These exercises were followed by an address by Rev. C. A. Wood, presiding elder of the Asheville district.

MRS. SUSAN BARNETT WOOD

Mrs. Susan Barnett Wood, wife of Thos. S. Wood, was born in Henderson county, N. C., November 4, 1852, and died May 18, 1913.

In early life she united with the Baptist church, and after her marriage transferred her membership to Davidson River Presbyterian church.

During her girlhood she was a dutiful daughter, loving and devoted in her father's family, and developed into a beautiful Christian womanhood.

After her marriage she was emphatically a home maker, a faithful devoted wife, a loving and tender mother, laying out all her strength and bending all her energies in providing for and ministering to her loved ones. As a kind, generous neighbor she made many friends and bound many loving hearts to her in strong ties of devotion.

During the days of her strength she was ever faithful in her church and Christian duties.

For a long time at the close of her life she was in prostrated health and a great sufferer. During those hours of pain her husband and children ministered to her tenderly, soothing her sufferings and providing everything that love and devotion could desire. Giving wise Christian advice to those around her and sending messages to absent ones, she passed away gently and peacefully in the triumphs of the Christian faith.

"Her children arise up and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praiseth her." W. H. D. Pisgah Forest, May 24.

Don't fail to save fine exhibits of grasses, crimson clover, oats, wheat and rye for Western North Carolina Fair to be held in Asheville in October. Cash premiums given.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS

Headquarters Brevard Camp U. C. V., No. 953, Brevard, N. C., May 28, 1913.—Order No. 9: Whereas the time set by the camp for its local reunion is approaching, and as it is advisable to always be ready, it is thought wise by a number of veterans that the camp meet and outline the exercises for the occasion; therefore

It is ordered that all members not excused by physical infirmities shall meet at Davidson River cemetery on Tuesday, June 3, prox., at 11 o'clock a. m., for the above purpose, and also in conjunction with the U. D. C. renew and decorate the graves of such comrades as may be found resting in this cemetery. Let all veterans try to be present if for no other purpose than to show appreciation for the work the Daughters are attempting to do in keeping alive the names of our comrades.

By order of the commandant.

J. M. HAMLIN, Commandant.

FORTUNES IN APPLES

The marked success of several apple growers in this immediate section again calls attention to the unlimited opportunities which await energetic orchardists in the state of North Carolina, and particularly in the western section. It is conceded by well informed authorities that North Carolina can grow apples that compare favorably with any in the country—apples that are really better than many sections can produce. So it would appear that while casting about for new industries we have sadly neglected one that is more profitable than the average—the cultivation of high grade apples.

A local commission merchant is authority for the statement that the apples which were grown on the farm of Mr. Charles A. Webb last season brought fifty cents a barrel more than the best apples that were shipped into New York from all over the country. What Mr. Webb has accomplished in this section can be done by other growers who employ the same scientific methods in the cultivation of the apple.

With such an end in view steps are now being taken to bring the orchardists of the state together for the purpose of organizing. In the eastern and central parts of the state such organizations have made for great progress in the methods of handling and marketing apples, and plans are being laid for campaigns of education through the press and other printed works. It is apparent to all that a product of such fine merit and rare possibilities as the apple should be given widespread attention, and the Citizen believes that the day is not far distant when apple growing along scientific and intelligent lines will be one of the chief industries of the state. Exceptional conditions favor the grower in North Carolina when we deal with its even climate and sheltered fields, and the various civic organizations now bending their energies toward new developments will do well to take up the hitherto despised apple with new enthusiasm.—Asheville Citizen.

DAVIS' BIRTHDAY

Tuesday, June 3, being Jefferson Davis' birthday, the Transylvania Chapter U. D. C. will observe the day at Davidson's River cemetery.

All those having friends or relatives interred there are requested to meet and make it a clean-up day as well as a memorial one.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will decorate the graves of the Confederate soldiers lying there, after which they will serve dinner on the grounds to the veterans.

At 2:30 o'clock Confederate crosses of honor will be presented to a number of veterans and descendants of veterans.

All the old soldiers of the county are especially invited to be present and help make this occasion a successful and memorable one.

NEW TEACHERS ELECTED

The township board of education met recently and elected teachers for the Brevard Graded school for the next session. Only two of the teachers employed last year will return.

Prof. W. L. Winkler, who has been at Spring Hope for the past year, was elected principal. Prof. Winkler comes very highly recommended, and the recommendations furnished by him show that he has held a number of very important positions with credit. He was educated at the Appalachian Training school and the A. & M. colleges.

On the recommendation of Prof. Winkler, the board also elected three of Prof. Winkler's assistants, teachers who have been associated with him for a number of years. These young ladies are Miss Pearl Hodges, Miss Mary Stanbury and Miss Lelia McCoy. The last mentioned will doubtless be Mrs. W. L. Winkler before she arrives in Brevard.

Miss Daisy Holcom and Miss Hattie Aiken, who have been with the school for several terms were also re-elected to their old positions.

THREE ACCIDENTS

Within the last week there has been three accident to men employed on the street paving work.

Last Thursday afternoon the big steam roller got stalled in a ditch and while trying to jack it up on some trestle work the jack flew out and struck Mr. H. P. McGee, the general superintendent, in the chest. His injuries were very painful and for a time it was thought would prove fatal. He was rushed to Asheville to the Mission hospital, however, where an operation was performed. He was able to return to Brevard this week, and is now going about, although he is by no means out of danger.

Monday about noon Walter Grogan had two toes of his left foot mashed by the concrete mixing machine. While his injuries are very painful it is thought he will be able to be about in a few days. Later in the evening on Monday K. M. Averill of Charleston, S. C., who has been running the steam roller, suffered a broken arm. His arm was struck by the fly wheel of the machine. Fred Calhoun of Brevard has succeeded Mr. Averill on the roller.

It is to be hoped that work may now be completed without further accidents to the men employed in giving Brevard this great improvement.

FULLER-HOLCOMB

A marriage which will prove of much interest in the state of Georgia as well as North Carolina, the former home of the bride, was that of Miss Ella Emily Fuller of Gainesville, Ga., and Mr. Emory Andrew Holcomb of Gulfport, Miss., which took place in Atlanta, Ga., Wednesday, May 14th.

The bride, who before her marriage was a trained nurse, went to Atlanta Wednesday presumably to nurse a sick friend, and the news of her marriage came as a complete surprise. She is a beautiful young woman, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fuller, who moved to Gainesville from Brevard a few years ago, and is popular among a wide circle of friends by reason of her wholesome disposition and personal characteristics.

Mr. Holcomb was formerly a Gainesville boy but now in the express service in Gulfport, Miss. He has many friends in Georgia and Mississippi who congratulate him in his good fortune.

Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb are on a bridal tour to New Orleans as well as Washington and other points north, and will return in a few days few days for a brief visit to the in Gainesville, after which they will go to Gulfport, where they will make their home.

SCHOOL LEGISLATION

The county board of education of each county shall fix annually a day and place in each township for the meeting of the township or district committeemen of said township, who shall, in conference with the county superintendent, with whom application must have previously been filed by all applicants, select the teachers for their respective schools, except for rural public high schools. Provided, that no election of any teacher or of any assistant teacher, shall be deemed valid until such election has been approved by the county superintendent.

The clerks of all state and municipal courts, justices of the peace, and the clerks or other officials having in custody the records of any city or town in the state shall furnish to the county boards of education of their respective counties on the first Monday of July and January of each year, a detailed statement of fines, forfeitures and penalties which go to the school fund, that have been imposed or which have accrued.

The county board of education of each and every county is hereby authorized and directed to provide for the prompt payment of all teachers' salaries due at the end of each school month.

No assistant teacher shall be employed in any one-teacher school until the average daily attendance shall have reached at least forty pupils, and in case the reports of any teacher shall for four consecutive weeks show an average daily attendance of less than forty pupils the assistant teacher may be dismissed.

The county board of education of every county shall biennially appropriate an amount not less than two hundred dollars nor more than two hundred and fifty dollars out of the public school funds of the county * * * for the purpose of conducting biennially a teachers' institute and school for the training of the public school teachers of the county at some convenient and satisfactory place. The biennial county teachers' institute and school provided for in this section shall be conducted by some practical teacher or teachers appointed by the state superintendent of public instruction, at such time and place as shall be determined by the state superintendent of public instruction after consultation with the county superintendent of school and the county board of education.

All public school teachers of the state and all high school and graded school teachers are hereby required to attend biennially some county teachers' institute or accredited summer school continuously for a term of not less than two weeks, unless providentially hindered; and failure so to attend such institute or summer school shall be cause for debarring any teacher, so failing, from teaching in any of the public schools, high schools, or graded schools of the state until such teacher shall have attended, as required by law, some county institute or accredited school as herein provided for.

Section 4132 of the code is so amended as to provide that the board of education shall elect a county superintendent of schools who shall have had at least two years' experience in teaching or supervising schools within five immediately preceding his election.

An act was passed to provide for compulsory school attendance of all children between the ages of eight and twelve years.

Exceptionally good moving picture programs are offered this week. For Thursday: "A Romance of the Utah Pioneers," a two-reel picture, and "Who's the Boss," a screaming comedy, will be given. Saturday night: "A Friend Indeed," Western, "The Consequences," and the Animated Weekly. Music by the orchestra each night.