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OPENING OF GRADED SCHOOL

On Monday, the last day of September, the children of the district began to gather at the school house an hour before the time of opening. At nine o'clock the bell was rung and the teachers arranged their grades into columns before the building. A long line of children, eager with the curiosity and anticipation of a new year, marched into the house and took their places in the auditorium.

A good many visitors were present, and many had to stand through the exercises which followed. These began with a song led by the school with Miss Doris Edwards at the piano. The devotional part of the exercises was led by Rev. C. D. Chapman, rector of the Episcopal church. A brief introductory talk was made by Superintendent Henderson, who was followed by Mr. T. H. Galloway, chairman of the county board of education. Mr. Galloway spoke at some length, giving words of counsel, exhortation and encouragement. Mr. R. H. Zachary was called on and responded in a short speech suitable to the occasion. Mr. W. H. Duckworth, representing the school committee, spoke very earnestly for a few minutes. He stated emphatically that the committee would stand by the principal and other teachers. One very important ruling he announced: The teachers must report cases of absence among pupils; these will be investigated, and if they continue the absentees will be denied admission to the premises. Rev. M. L. Jones of Penrose contributed to the words of general encouragement.

Mr. J. B. Bridges, the principal, gave a general outline of things he hoped to accomplish and regulations he intended to carry out. He extended a pressing invitation to patrons to visit the different school rooms in order to see for themselves what work was being done, and he asked for their patience and forbearance and co-operation. His remarks were practical and to the point. He makes the appearance of a man who will be a good worker and manager.

After about an hour and a half of these preliminary exercises, the pupils were marched down for a short recess on the grounds, and then into the recitation rooms, where the work of enrollment and gradation was taken up by the various grade teachers.

The grades are arranged as follows: J. B. Bridges, principal, eighth and tenth grades; Miss Verona Goode, seventh and ninth grades; Miss Doris Edwards, sixth and part of fifth grade; Miss Francis McIntosh, third and part of fourth grade; Miss Georgia Bell, second grade; Miss Irene Montgomery, first grade. Miss Docia Case, a former student of the school, is substitute teacher and has part of fourth and part of fifth grades.

By special arrangement Miss Goode takes the history classes of the high school department and Miss Edwards teaches all the English classes above the fourth grade. Mr. Bridges takes the mathematics classes formerly reciting to the two above named teachers. This is a step in the direction of departmental work hitherto very little experimented with.

The enrollment by grades for the first week is as follows: First grade, 88; second, 38; third, 39; fourth, 38; fifth, 25; sixth, 38; seventh, 21; eighth, 23; ninth, 5; tenth, 9. Total, 324.

Owing to the large number in the first grade it has been deemed advisable for Miss Montgomery to use the auditorium for the primary work. At present there are single seats in the auditorium for 83 pupils. The need of more room is felt especially in the lower grades, and the school will be compelled for the present to do without an assembly hall.

The fall term of Superior court opens next Monday, Sept. 7, Judge James L. Webb of Shelby presiding.

HOME FOR PRINCIPAL

At a preliminary meeting held at the school house on Monday afternoon by Mrs. C. D. Chapman, president of the Betterment Association, the matter of purchasing a home for the principal of the graded school was brought up for discussion. Messrs. Haynes, Henderson and Norwood spoke in favor of purchasing the property now owned by Mr. F. E. B. Jenkins. It was stated that Mr. Jenkins had made an offer to a member of the association and would give a reasonable time for the payment of the purchase price, charging six per cent. interest. A committee consisting of T. C. Henderson, A. B. Riley and Rev. E. H. Norwood were appointed to secure best terms from Mr. Jenkins and a ten-day option on the property. By the purchase of this property the county will own the entire block for educational purposes. It was shown by the various speakers that it was necessary for the principal to be located on the property as a protection to the school building, as an inducement for a principal to locate permanently, and that the school might then be utilized in the summer months. Mr. Chas. Jolley opened the subscription with five dollars; other amounts came quickly in and in a few minutes forty dollars was subscribed which, with the amount in the treasury, makes almost one hundred dollars as a nest egg.

Monday, September 7th, has been appointed as the day to begin a whirlwind campaign. At 8:30 p. m. on that day at the court house there will be a mass meeting of the citizens of Brevard and Transylvania county for the purpose of raising \$500 for the first payment on the property. A number of Brevard's most influential citizens will speak in favor of this forward movement.

By the purchase of this principal's house Brevard and Transylvania will thus lead the whole state of North Carolina, afford efficient protection of her school property and extend the usefulness and efficiency of our public school.

MISS BELLE MORRIS

After an illness of three weeks Miss Belle Morris died at her home on the Asheville road about three miles from Brevard. She was buried the following day at Oak Grove cemetery.

Miss Morris was a daughter of the late J. W. Morris, who died last fall. She is survived by her mother, four sisters, and four brothers, all of whom live in this county. The sisters are Miss Leo Morris, Mrs. Vernon Neill, Mrs. Gordon King, and Mrs. Arthur Smith; the brothers, Messrs. W. S. C. C., J. L., and J. E. Morris. Of this family Mr. J. W. Morris, the father, was the first to die, and in less than a year he was followed by the daughter, Miss Belle Morris.

She was twenty-seven years of age. Less than a year ago she had united with the Methodist church at Oak Grove.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Davis in the touching and comforting manner so characteristic of that minister. A large number of sorrowing friends were present at the services.

TO THE LAND OF WATERFALLS

Oh, the majesty of these mountains,
The beauty of its hills,
The music of its waters
Make one's heart leap with thrills
That fill the soul with pure delight
O'er the grandeur of it all,
That Mother Nature presents to view
In this "Land of Waterfalls."
VISITOR.

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RECORDER'S COURT

The feature of the recorder's court at Monday's session was the announcement by Judge Forsythe that in future he would make a special effort to enforce the automobile laws, and his instructions to the sheriff, his deputies, and the chief of police were very explicit. In his remarks the judge stated that the auto drivers of the town, at least some of them, had been utterly disregarding all laws and regulations in regard to speed, the turning of corners, etc., and that a large number of citizens of the town had requested him to take the matter in hand. While there was no precedent for his doing so, the amendments to the act of the legislature creating the recorder's court gave him the right to do so, the amendment giving him concurrent jurisdiction with the mayor.

The chief of police was instructed to bring all cases to his court instead of the mayor, and the sheriff and deputies were instructed to pay strict attention to all laws regulating auto drivers and make arrests for all violators of the law.

The following cases came before the recorder at Monday's session:

State vs. W. M. Mauldin and R. D. McDowell, reckless driving of an automobile, continued until September 21, defendants to give a \$300 justified bond for their appearance. This case grew out of the accident wherein Mrs. Sallie Rice was run over Sunday afternoon.

State vs. Luther Shaw, retailing, not guilty.

State vs. Virgie Ray, drunkenness and creating a nuisance, \$30 and costs. This defendant having been before the court on a previous occasion for drunkenness when he was fined \$15 and costs, his counsel suggested that the same fine should apply at this time, but the court used the now well known excuse for raising prices—the European war—for the increase, also giving the assurance that the next time it would be still more expensive. This defendant is also to furnish a bond to appear before the recorder once a month for six months to show good behavior.

State vs. Oscar Welchance, assault on his wife, Margaret Welchance, judgment suspended on payment of costs. This was a very interesting case in that a number of witnesses heard the defendant and prosecuting witness, who had been separated for several months, quarreling, and all saw the woman in the case hit the defendant with an apple and throw a bucket of water on him, but none saw the defendant strike the woman, as she charged, although they say she could have been struck without their seeing it.

State vs. Leslie Frazier, fornication and adultery, not guilty. In this case the prosecuting witness was the defendant in the case above mentioned, and the woman in the case was the prosecuting witness. The case seemed frivolous and the defendant was discharged.

State vs. Bob Justice, drunk, nisi, sci fa and capias.

TAKING CALOMEL IS A BAD HABIT

So Powerful It Shocks Liver and Leaves It Weaker Than Before—Dodson's Liver Tone Is Better to Take.

Nearly everybody who has ever tried calomel has found that it gives only a temporary relief. For calomel is such a powerful drug that it shocks and weakens the liver and makes it less able afterward to do its duty than in the first place. This is one of the reasons why S. M. Macfie and Duckworth Drug Co. guarantee Dodson's Liver Tone to take the place of calomel. Dodson's Liver Tone is a pure vegetable liver tonic that will cure constipation quickly and gently, without any danger of bad after-effects. It is guaranteed to do this with a guarantee that is simple and fair. If you buy a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for yourself or your children, and do not find that it perfectly takes the place of calomel, then return to the store where you bought it and get your money back with a smile. adv

DAVIDSON RIVER

Although the war scare is causing some uneasiness among the people, the regular work is still going forward.

The railroad is now within a few miles of the Pink Beds and is being rapidly extended.

Miss Etta McCall will leave next week to begin her school at Turkey Creek.

Miss Lucy Hedden and George Hedden made a trip to Fruitland last week where the latter entered school. The former returned home on Saturday.

English Chapel is undergoing repairs and is presenting a neat appearance.

Misses Lillie and Seva McCall of Etowah, route 1, visited relatives on the river recently.

Miss Mary Rankin gave a beautiful ice cream supper at the home of Mrs. Leora O'Kelly on Saturday night of last week, which was enjoyed by a large crowd. Miss Etta McCall won the cake belonging to the prettiest young lady after a lively contest among the boys whose pocketbooks were sorely tried before the decision was rendered. After another contest James Hedden was declared to be the "ugliest" young man present and therefore was entitled to a cake. The net profits of the supper was \$29.20, which will be applied in the interest of the school.

The Sunday school is doing well under the leadership of Rev. William West.

The writer wishes to inform Jack Stephens that the "silent fear" which he expressed recently is altogether without foundation.

BILL WRAY.

MRS. M. E. GARREN

Last Saturday, August 29, Mrs. Millie E. Garren died at her home in the East Fork section. She had been in ill health for a year or more, and for the last three months confined to her bed. The funeral services took place at East Fork church and cemetery on Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. A. J. Manly.

Mrs. Garren was seventy-three years of age. She was born in this county, and in the East Fork section, her maiden name being Millie E. Glazener. She was married to W. M. Garren, a leading citizen of this county, whose death took place two years ago. Of this union three sons and one daughter survive. They are: J. H. Garren of East Fork, W. F. and A. C. Garren of Brevard, and Mrs. Leon Gillespie of East Fork. The deceased was a member of East Fork Baptist church, and a woman held in high respect by those who knew her.

MRS. SAM OWENBEY

Last Sunday Mrs. Sam Owenbey died at her home near Penrose, and was buried Monday at the Davidson River cemetery, funeral services being conducted by Rev. P. P. Orr.

The deceased was a sister of Dr. W. M. Lyday and others of the Lyday family at Penrose. She was sixty years of age. She is survived by her son, Monroe, her husband and nine children having preceded her to the grave.

Chamberlain's Liniment.

If you are ever troubled with aches, pains or soreness of the muscles, you will appreciate the good qualities of Chamberlain's Liniment. Many sufferers from rheumatism and sciatica have used it with the best results. It is especially valuable for lumbago and lame back. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

Brevard Institute opened for the fall session Thursday morning in the new building. Definite information as to enrollment has not been available, but all the dormitories are full and the opening is unusually favorable.

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The first meeting of the teachers association for the current school year took place in the auditorium of the graded school last Saturday.

Superintendent Henderson called the meeting to order and introduced Major Hardee for the opening exercises. Major Hardee talked for a while to the teachers in a plain, practical way, speaking of the importance of their calling, and giving many words of cheer and encouragement.

After this the association was reorganized with the following officers: T. C. Henderson, president; Miss Sue Glazener, vice president; Miss Julia Deaver, secretary.

The next on the program was a talk by Miss Hattie Aiken on the "Value of Definite Aims in Teaching." She gave many illustrations of the value having definite aims in life and any kind of work, and showed how the rule held good in daily recitations. She also urged on the teachers the value of having definite aims in work to be accomplished during the year.

Miss Aiken was followed by Mr. J. B. Bridges, principal of the Brevard school, who spoke on the "School Plant and How To Use It." Taking as an illustration the great works of a power plant, Mr. Bridges made an interesting talk on the great opportunities lying dormant in young human beings and the teachers part in developing them.

The association then took a recess for ten minutes. After re-assembling Mr. L. B. Haynes of South Carolina spoke on the "Spirit of the Teacher." He emphasized specially the professional spirit—pride in the professions and loyalty to it. Diverting somewhat from his subject he gave some of his own experience, showing what could be done in rural schools in the way of agricultural work, domestic art and shop work.

Mr. C. H. Trowbridge, who was present was called on for remarks and spoke briefly with special reference to industrial work in school.

The association then gave place to the meeting of the County Betterment Association, which was presided over by Miss Georgia Bell. The election of officers was deferred until the November meeting. Superintendent Henderson made two suggestions to the association as to definite aims for the year—first, that the Betterment Association use all effort to make the school attendance at least 65% of the census; second, that they endeavor to place libraries and supplemental libraries in all schools not possessing them. The association approved by vote both these propositions. There was one dissenting voice to the first. Miss Mary Rankin of English Chapel said that her school district was ten miles long and therefore it was impossible for her to secure a high per cent of the census.

Prizes were again offered as last year by vote of the Betterment Association to the schools for the highest yearly average of attendance in proportion to the census.

A committee to prepare programmes for the meetings of the association was appointed by the superintendent. This committee consists of: Misses Hattie Aiken, Doris Edwards and Sue Glazener, and Messrs. G. L. Tabor and A. B. Riley, with T. C. Henderson as ex-officio chairman. The committee is called to meet next Saturday in the superintendent's office at four o'clock p. m.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

"I advised the 'boys' when they enlisted for the Spanish war to take Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with them, and have received many thanks for the advice given," writes J. H. Houghland, Eldon, Iowa. "No person whether traveling or at home should be without this great remedy." For sale by all dealers.—Adv.