

CITY SCHOOLS TO OPEN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Laurinburg and East Laurinburg Graded Schools Will Open for Fall Term Soon—Faculty Selected and Announced—Compulsory School Law Becomes Effective Opening Day. New System as to the Purchasing of Books.

The public schools of Laurinburg will open Monday, Sept. 6, 1915. All pupils are asked to meet the teachers of their respective grades for classification and the assignment of recitations at 9 a. m. on this date.

The State law, which requires the attendance of all children between the ages of eight and twelve for four months of the year, will go into effect on the above date.

A cash payment for all books sold or rented by the school will be required upon delivery of books, and no books will be delivered otherwise. A list of the books needed in each grade the first day of school will be published in a later issue of this paper.

Individual book lists for each pupil, with the prices of all books, will be printed and can be secured from the superintendent or at Mr. W. D. Wright's store after the first of September. From this the necessary amount can be exactly determined. This is a matter of business, and it is hoped that this fact will be appreciated by every one.

THE TEACHERS.

Central School—
Miss Nell Witherington, Goldsboro, N. C., First Grade.
Miss Emma Wash Gill, City, Second Grade.
Miss May Hampton, Hendersonville, Third Grade.
Miss Margaret Claytor, Durham, N. C., Fourth Grade.
Miss Mary Gray, Kinston, N. C., Fifth Grade.
Miss Susie Lindsay, Chester, S. C., Sixth Grade.
Miss Daisy-Leake, Kernersville, N. C., Seventh Grade.
Miss Bessie Ives, Bayboro, N. C., English and Science in High School.
Miss Lillian Draughan, Dunn, N. C., Latin and German, High School.
Miss Mary Boyce, Due West, S. C., Mathematics.
Miss Annie Lynn Carothers, Rock Hill, S. C., Music.
Miss Lucy Boyce, Gastonia, N. C., Music.

EAST LAURINBURG.

Miss Myra Jordan, Miss Maggie Clarke.

Semi-Annual Style Show.

The well-dressed men of Laurinburg look forward with much interest to the coming of a representative from Schloss Bros. & Co., the well known New York, Baltimore and Boston tailors. Very shortly he will be amongst us at the store of Lonnie Hammond, with the newest creations in Fall and Winter fabrics, among which will be patterns for the most conservative as well as the most extreme dresser. In other columns of this paper you will find an advertisement which is to your interest to read. You can obtain high-class custom-tailored garments of the latest style creations at a cost within the reach of all. See the tempting array of new materials for Fall and Winter—it's a style education within itself.

Death of Mr. J. D. Brooks.

A telegram was received here Tuesday afternoon by Mr. M. L. John announcing the death of Mr. J. D. Brooks. The telegram came from Mr. Howard Brooks and was sent from Goldsboro. It contained the simple announcement of his death.

Mr. Brooks was stricken some time ago with paralysis while at Siler City, and the supposition is that death resulted from this cause.

Mr. Brooks and his good family resided in Laurinburg for a number of years, and the devoted wife and five children who survive him have the tender sympathy of their Laurinburg friends in their bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Murphy and son Jack spent the week-end at Wrightsville Beach and went from there to Greensboro to visit Mr. Murphy's sister, Mrs. J. M. Bandy.

EXCITING RUNAWAY.

Malcolm McDougald Saves Himself By Great Presence of Mind.

Saturday about noon the dash of a runaway horse caught the attention of those on Main street, who were paralyzed with fear because of the danger and predicament of young Malcolm McDougald, who clung helplessly to the seat on the large delivery wagon used by the firm of M. A. McDougald, while the horse attached to it, maddened with the liberty he had gained through a broken bit, dashed through the street.

Young McDougald had gone out in the town to make some deliveries, and as he was returning to the store and had reached a point in front of the home of Mr. M. L. John, the horse, which is a spirited one but easy to control, found that the bit which held him in check had broken, and immediately dashed off to run. Young McDougald clung to the wagon, hoping that some one on Main street would stop the horse, and although this was attempted, the horse dashed onward, gaining speed every jump. Realizing that he must extricate himself from his dangerous position, the young man did not do as a great many kids and older folks for that matter, would have done, but he quietly crawled to the rear end of the wagon and swung his body off, holding with his hands, and like a professional railroad man swung off and thereby saved himself from severe injury and probable death. As it was, he left the wagon in front of Gregg Brothers' hardware store and received only a few minor bruises.

Within a minute after his escape the horse dashed across the Seaboard tracks and turned the wagon over, almost demolishing it.

Gibson vs. McLaurin.

Suit was begun here in Superior Court yesterday that will come as a surprise to many of our people, and there are more people nominally interested in it than any suit ever brought here before. Complaint has not been filed, but we learn from inquiry that about 1884 a judgment was recovered against Capt. McLaurin by Messrs. W. F. and D. D. Gibson. Mr. W. F. Gibson's estate is suing also Mr. D. D. Gibson and his assignee, Mr. R. L. Kirkwood, also a number of parties who are interested in judgments obtained against Mr. D. D. Gibson when he failed in business some years ago. This suit is to establish the lien of the former judgment. The estate of Capt. McLaurin of course is defended by his executor and executrix, and his heirs and devisees are parties defendant. This makes a large number of parties, but this is augmented by joining every lot owner of lots sold by Capt. McLaurin on Church street and Main street south of the monument. We are informed that under the law the plaintiffs have to make the lot owners parties, though the result of the suit can not affect them other than favorably, as, we understand, it tends to remove a cloud from their title, and they cannot lose anything. It seems that Capt. McLaurin's homestead was laid off and included all these lots on Church street. The lien of the judgment is claimed against these lots, but as Capt. McLaurin accumulated a large estate outside of that homestead allotment, the executors will have abundant property from which to settle any claim that may be established against his estate, and the warranty in the deeds to the lot holders will protect them fully so they will lose nothing in any event.

For plaintiffs: W. H. Neal, M. L. John and Cox & Dunn.
For defendants: Russell & Weatherspoon.

THINGS PERTAINING TO LIFE

By Harry M. North.

THE REASON WHY PEOPLE DO NOT ATTEND CHURCH.

Many and very different would be the answers to such a question if I should submit it for solution and reply. I am painfully familiar with the things which men offer as reasons why they are not regular church attendants, but the most of them are merely excuses. Still they will contend masterfully for them, and they have repeated them so often that they have come to believe them actually true. Nearly all of these excuses are frivolous, and the surprising part is that people of good common sense should allow themselves to hold them.

Every Sunday there are a few sick folks and those who wait on them; these necessarily can not go. Then mothers with infants must remain at home with them. Besides these there are a few, and a very few, engaged in work so important that they cannot attend church every Sunday, but might come occasionally. Leaving out such individual cases which are found everywhere, there is just about one reason why people do not attend church, and that is they do not want to go. There are some who work for great corporations, and must toil on Sundays or lose their positions. Those who hold them to their tasks seven days in the week will have to answer for it some day before a court where excuses do not pass muster.

Our modern complicated business life is used as an excuse for keeping people away from church. High-pressure work during the week leaves them tired out when Sunday comes, and they recline in sluggish rest. Employees are held to midnight Saturday, and do not get up in time next morning. Those who have charge of meat and delicacies, telephones and telegraphs, pharmacies, drug stores, railroad shops, agents, crews; these are all working for others and should be allowed some time off for attending church. Complaint reaches me that street-car operatives are compelled to work all day Sunday. I wonder if the police have as much time as they should to attend church. All such things should be carefully remedied. We can never build up a stable civilization without a Sabbath and without the church, and what is the church to a man unless he has a chance to visit it?

The unsound social life of the times accounts for a great deal of staying away from church. Midnight parties with their dissipation, and after midnight balls with their sin, and scores of other forms of evil unfit the people for enjoying a Sabbath. Sunday is taken as a day of recreation, dissipation and feasting. People take the preaching hour for drives and walks and calls. It becomes a time for light reading, gossip and sleep. The Sunday newspaper and the magazine bought on Saturday serve to hold their attention until preaching is over and conscience is stilled. The rich idle away the morning and go driving in the afternoon. The poor save up their money during the week, and when Sunday comes they go to see their kinsfolk so that both families are sure to stay away from church.

Hundreds of people attend ledges and orders on week nights, and they claim that because there is a benevolent feature attached to them, and they have some moral code, this will answer every purpose for which the church stands. Of course they cannot take the place of the church, but they will serve as an excuse to stay away from the church, and that is what is wanted.

I wish that I might thrust it to the very heart of every one who reads these lines, that he usually goes where he wants to go. Let me repeat it once more that people nearly always go to the places where they down in their hearts really want to go. Women will stay from church because it is damp, and yet I have known them to flounder through snow-drifts on week nights, thickly clad, to attend a social function, and they said it was fun. The truth is they did not want to go to church, while they did want to do the other, and so they did

very easily the thing they wished. Men will go to a ball game in the afternoon during the busy season because they would rather do that than anything else, but they will not go to the revival meeting because they say they ought not to leave their work. The truth is they could have been at one of these places as well as at the other if they really wanted to be there. So they teach themselves to be hypocrites, and bring forth vain excuses and offer them as reasons or causes. It is a sad fact that multitudes of folks have no taste for spiritual things, and they keep away from church lest they be forced against their wills to consider them.

I am sure that every church in this town will be open for you Sunday, and that you would be more than welcome if you should decide to enter one of them. Try it and see for yourself. You used to go; throw away every vain excuse and begin over again Sunday.

Woodmen Picnic.

The Sneed's Grove lodge of the Woodmen of the World held a largely attended and most delightful picnic at Sneed's Grove last Thursday. The occasion was one of much pleasure and benefit to the large crowd that accepted the opportunity to attend.

The speaker of the day was Sovereign J. L. Covington. Mr. Covington was introduced by Consul Commander S. M. Jackson. Immediately after the address, which appears in full elsewhere in this issue, the ladies spread the dinner, which proved to be a veritable feast and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

In the afternoon the Sneed's Grove baseball team engaged the team from a game of ball, the visitors winning by a score of 7 to 4. This, like all public gatherings at Sneed's Grove, proved to be an occasion of much pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cooper and son, William Haywood, who have been on an automobile trip to Atlantic City, have returned to the city. They made the trip in Mr. Cooper's new Buick, and, as Mr. Cooper expressed it, "had a delightful trip with no auto trouble whatever." The entire trip was made in the car, which did not suffer so much as a punctured tire. Mr. Cooper says the only near-trouble they had was when the car was driven into a river, he does not say where, but no damage resulted.

Mr. E. P. Riviere, foreman of the mechanical department of this office, spent Saturday and Sunday in Charlotte, returning Sunday night. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Riviere and children, who have been visiting relatives at Shelby and Charlotte for the past six weeks.

It is said that the roller mill owned and operated by Mr. D. C. Lytch, on Laurinburg R. F. D. No. 1, is about the busiest enterprise in the county. The mill is being operated day and night, and even with this extra running time is not able to keep up with the work that is demanded of them.

Miss Ollie Carmichael of Anniston, Ala., and Mr. J. H. Tyner, of Dunn, are guests at the home of Mrs. Sarah J. Jones on Laurinburg, R. F. D. No. 3.

Mrs. W. H. Thomasson, of Fort Lawn, S. C., is a guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien.

Mrs. L. E. Myers, of Hartsville, S. C., is the guest of her sisters, Misses Lily and Minnie McKinnon.

Mrs. J. P. Wiggins and Master James McQueen were Saturday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Russell.

Mrs. A. F. Blue and children left Tuesday morning for Salisbury, where they will spend some time with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan McLean returned from a visit to Mrs. McLean's home, Durham, yesterday.

Dr. W. C. Caldwell has returned from his home near Concord.

HAMLET AND RAEFORD TO MEET IN LAURINBURG

Because of a Misunderstanding Between Hamlet and Raeford, Which Brought About the Necessity of Playing on Neutral Grounds, the Two Teams Have Selected Laurinburg as the Battling Point.

AUTO HITS BUGGY.

Demolishing it and Throwing its Three Occupants Out.

About nine o'clock Sunday night a car driven by Mr. Cam Blue ran into the rear of a buggy, demolishing the vehicle and knocking the occupants out, but fortunately not seriously injuring any of them.

The buggy, occupied by Joe Adams, col., and two colored women, had been driven down Main street and had just turned the corner at the monument out the west end of Church street. The automobile was following and turned the corner just behind the buggy. Adams says he heard the automobile coming and had pulled his mule to one side as much as was possible before the machine struck the buggy. The east corner of Main next to Church is grown up in corn, which cuts off the view from Church street, and as soon as Mr. Blue turned the corner and realized the position he suddenly faced, he made every effort to avoid the collision, but was unable to do so, and the machine crashed into the rear of the buggy smashing it. All of the occupants were thrown out and all more or less bruised, but fortunately none were seriously hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Morgan and Miss Ruth McKinnon spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Morgan's grandmother, Mrs. McIvor, at Jonesboro. They returned Monday and were accompanied by Mrs. Morgan's mother and sister, Mrs. C. McKinnon, and Miss Catharine McKinnon, who have been visiting in Jonesboro. The trip was made by automobile.

Mr. E. W. McKinnon, so far as we have been able to learn, has broken all records for 1915 in cantaloupe production. Mr. McKinnon gathered and shipped from four acres 1,472 crates, an average of 368 crates to the acre.

Rev. A. H. McArn and daughter, Miss Lois, of Cheraw, were the week-end guests of Mr. McArn's brother, Mr. D. H. McArn. Mr. McArn occupied the pulpit at the Laurel Hill church Sunday morning.

Mrs. R. E. L. Correll and Mrs. J. T. Fields were called to Charlotte this week on account of the illness of their father, Mr. D. M. Tedder, who we regret to note has been stricken with appendicitis.

Messrs E. H. Gibson, W. D. McLaurin, M. Cameron, and Messames E. D. Pusey and Bessie Turner made an automobile trip Saturday morning to Montrose.

Mr. G. H. Russell, who has been undergoing treatment at Hot Springs, Ark., for the past three weeks is expected to return to Laurinburg this week.

Mr. A. M. Monroe and family of Laurel Hill were Laurinburg shoppers Friday. Mr. Monroe is the largest shingle manufacturer in this section of the State.

Messrs Dan McDonald, Colin Hasty, Gilbert Jones and Gurganous of Johns left Tuesday on the trip to Atlantic City.

Mrs. D. D. Wilkinson and children left Monday for Wagram where they are spending the week with relatives.

Miss Nan McArn, of Chapel Hill, arrived in the city Saturday night to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McArn.

Miss Effie McMilian and Mr. Shaw McArthur, of Parkton, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Wilkinson.

Mr. B. L. Stewart and son, Meacham left Saturday for Rocky River Springs where they will spend ten days.

The lovers of the great national sport, namely, baseball, will be given an opportunity of seeing two of the best amateur teams in Eastern Carolina battle for supremacy on the Laurinburg grounds next Tuesday and Wednesday.

The teams are Raeford and Hamlet. These teams have engaged in a number of games this season, and as is often the case with contending teams, a difference of opinion as to certain facts as regards certain conditions, came up and caused certain dissatisfaction which necessitated that future contests be fought out on neutral grounds, and sports in this neck of the woods will be glad to know that Laurinburg, because of its central location as to the two towns, its splendid equipment in the way of grounds and grand stand, and its reputation for handsome gate receipts, has been selected as the place where these two teams will do their future fighting this season.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday the first games of the series will be played, the games being called at 4 p. m.

These games promise to be the most interesting and hard fought that have been played here this season. Both teams are strong and the games now scheduled will count largely in the claims that the winners will be able to make, and for this reason the best effort of both teams will be put into the game, and some real baseball between two of the best amateur teams in Eastern Carolina will be the result of this meeting.

Laurinburg will welcome both teams and will give them that cordial treatment and impartial support that they have the right to expect.

The fishing party composed of Messrs. A. H. James and C. W. Regan of Laurinburg, Dr. C. L. Alexander, of Charlotte, and Mr. Wayne McNeill, of Riverton, who journeyed to Lumber river in Robeson county last week and indulged in the sport for three days is said to have been a large success. The trip had a twofold purpose, one being to fish and the other was the holiday feature it offered. It was, according to our information, the holiday feature that counted for the most. This is largely accounted for in the fact that the whole party totaled their fishing luck in just one fish. According to Mr. James, the major part of the cooking was voluntarily undertaken by Dr. Regan, and if Mr. James be any judge, and we imagine he is when it comes to feeding his appetite, Dr. Regan is some fine cook. In describing that particular feature of the trip Mr. James was most elaborate in his praise of the doctor's peculiar ability along this line. Dr. Regan's version of the cooking and eating part of the trip is equally as enthusiastic when it comes to describing how James, McNeill and Alexander could consume the dainty dishes he prepared. Imagine if you can, Dr. Regan mixing bread, and then let your imagination work a little more if it isn't already overworked, and imagine your eating the said bread. According to Mr. James, the party consumed all the chickens that used near the river besides fifteen dozen eggs and other rations in equal proportion. All are agreed that the trip was a monstrous success.

Rev. A. H. McArn, of Cheraw, S. C., will begin a series of services next Sunday morning at Laurel Hill church. The meeting will continue through the next Sunday. Services will be held each morning and night, the morning service at 10 o'clock and the night service at 8 o'clock. Mr. McArn is a brother of our townsman, Mr. D. H. McArn and is an eloquent and forceful speaker, and the people of Laurel Hill are fortunate in securing his services for the week.