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EDUCATIONAL MATTERS

Schedul for Home Study Prepared for Children—Two Clubs Organized, Etc.

[NOTE:—This column will contain each week the news of school as reported by the pupils and teachers, and any announcements that the school authorities may have to make from time to time. EDITOR.]

"Home Study" was the most interesting and the most important topic discussed at the teachers' meeting this week. It was agreed that the most difficult problem the teacher has to solve is how to teach the child who is dependent upon his parents or some one else for help in the preparation of his lessons. A schedule for home study was prepared for the children of each grade, showing how much time each subject studied should receive at home. This schedule will be submitted to the parents, and they will be requested to see that their children study according to the schedule, and that they do not receive any help at home. This will enable the teacher to assign lessons intelligently, and to know accurately what progress the child is making. It will also do away with "keeping in" after school, a practice detrimental to the health of both teacher and pupil, but absolutely necessary under the present system of haphazard home study, supplemented by promiscuous help.

All the books with a few exceptions are here now and school work is running on schedule in all the grades.

No tardies reported since last week. We are deeply grateful for this and hope that the record will be kept up.

Material is being laid to concrete the basements. This will do much to render the school premises sanitary.

A School Ground Improvement Club has been organized and the citizens of the town will be called upon to contribute to a fund to improve the school grounds. It is our determination to make the school grounds the most beautiful place in town. Details of our plans will be given later on. Please do not refuse to help in this great work when the young ladies call upon you.

The Boys Basket Ball Club has been organized and work is being done on the court. So far no games have been arranged with out-of-town teams, but it is hoped that a few games may be arranged later on.

The "Back Home" Movement.

The "Back Home" Movement which was organized in Charlotte last week has promise of doing much towards bringing many southerners who have gone to other states back to this country. Senator Lee S. Overman, of Salisbury, was elected president of the organization; W. C. Dowd, of Charlotte, first vice-president; H. B. Varner, of Lexington, second vice-president; Z. P. Smith, of Fayetteville, third vice-president and B. H. DePriest, of Shelby, secretary-manager. The meeting in Charlotte was well attended and the persons present were enthusiastic, which would indicate that much good may be accomplished.

Nothing looks more silly than a smile long drawn out.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

Sunday School Association Will Perfect Organization in McDowell October 12-13.

The County Sunday School Association which will perfect a permanent organization in McDowell county on October 12th and 13th when the Inter-denominational convention will be held, is a part of one of the largest organizations in the world. It is not merely a County association in itself, but it is a part of a system of associations. Behind the County organization is the State association and behind the State organization is the International association, which comprises Canada, United States and Mexico, and behind the International is the great World's Sunday School Association, which embraces all the countries where the Sunday School forces are at work. Thus the County Association is a part of a whole, and has the benefit of the work of all the other associations behind it.

The purpose of the County Organization is to secure a deeper interest and broader view of the Organized Sunday School movement through the means of inter-denominational co-operation in the formation of township associations in each township of the county. The township association is the link that completes the chain of the system. Into its organization is poured the very cream of Organized Sunday School work, as it comes from the World's through the International by the State to the County into the Township organization.

Thus the Organized Sunday School movement is a big thing, world-wide in its scope, yet local in its application. It combines the qualities of being extensive and intensive at one and the same time. It is further strengthened in the fact that its work is inter-denominational, and behind it stands all the evangelical denominations.

The gathering here on October 12 and 13 promises to be quite a large one and much good to the Sunday School work throughout the county is expected to follow the organization in McDowell County.

Insurgent Organization.

The insurgent republican organization which controls nearly all the important states west of the Mississippi is a vigorous one which as now perfected is being extended through other parts of the country in an effort to defeat the renomination of President Taft next year.

It would be to the interest of the democrats to have Mr. Taft renominated because he could be defeated about as easily as any man in the republican party whereas the nomination of a man like La follette of Wisconsin or Cummings of Iowa would cause more than a substantial fight by the Democrats, but, however, the democratic victory would be quite certain.

It was predicted several weeks ago that the Yancey county corn crop would be short one-half. But the recent rains have been very beneficial to the crop—the predictions to the contrary notwithstanding. It now appears that Yancey will harvest her usual crop.—Eagle, Burnsville.

COUNTY FAIR NOTES

J. Q. Gilkey Named Chief Marshal—His Assistants, Other Appointments, Etc.

The three daily programs for the Fair are fast materializing. Exhibitors from every part of the county have signified their intentions to enter many exhibits in the different departments, and now the Fair promises to be successful in every particular. The Fair officials have appointed J. P. Ray to have charge of the Agricultural building, and any exhibitors may confer with him as to space for placing their exhibits or for any other information desired.

H. A. Tate has been appointed overseer of the live stock and poultry exhibits, and all those who expect to enter this can get any information they desire from Mr. Tate or the Secretary of the Fair Association. As yet, the officials have appointed no overseers for the three other exhibit rooms, but their names will no doubt be announced in a very short time. J. Q. Gilkey of Marion has been appointed Chief Marshal and is making plans to have the uniforms and regalia ready for those whom he has appointed as assistants. The marshals will have charge of the parades Friday and Saturday. Both of these promise to be very interesting and attractive.

The live stock exhibit promises to be more interesting by reason of 20 Shetland ponies being part of the exhibit for Friday and Saturday. This will no doubt interest many throughout the county. One especially interesting feature of the Fair will be an hour known as the "Hunter's Hour." The officials expect to get together as many rabbits, squirrels, groundhogs and such other wild animals as the hunter delights in, and at a certain hour, turn them all loose on Main street, with the authority that those who catch them may have them. If the officials succeed in getting a large quantity together, no doubt this hour will be a strenuous one.

Chief Marshal J. Q. Gilkey has appointed the following assistant marshals and is sending out a letter to each of them to-day with the request that they meet him in Mr. Giles' office on Saturday, September 23, at 2 o'clock, at which time definite plans will be made for their work: S. H. Yancey, E. H. Dysart, E. C. Guy, W. C. Smith, J. W. Pless, John Yancey, J. H. L. Miller, J. W. Winborne, W. K. M. Gilkey, W. W. Guy, C. W. Laughridge, M. J. Hoover, W. W. Neal, J. W. Streetman, W. H. Hawkins, H. F. Little, G. C. Conley, G. M. Carson, C. C. Carson, J. S. Hopper, W. T. Morgan, L. J. P. Cutlar, B. L. Ashworth, James McCall, L. H. Green, Fred Bradley, Will McCanness, P. H. Mashburn, Lonnie Burgin, Julius Parker, Walker Lyerly, M. L. Good, Charlie McCall, M. P. Flack, G. B. Justice, Kenneth Weaver, Dollie Poteat, W. N. Laughridge, Will Wilson, Grover Patton, Tom Gowan, Garland Williams, Robert Tate.

The largest watermelon brought to this market this season was sold here Saturday by J. Y. Turnbull, of Bridgewater. It weighed 63 pounds and was sold to A. L. Finley.

COURT IN SESSION

September Term Began Monday With Judge Long Presiding—Many Small Cases.

The September term of McDowell Superior Court convened Monday morning with Judge B. F. Long presiding. His charge to the grand jury was a very practical one. T. B. Ledbetter is foreman of the grand jury and Dave Jimeron officer.

Quite a number of small criminal cases have already been disposed of and the docket is being cleared as fast as possible. A large number of cases have been ordered alias and nol pros as to others. There are no cases of more than ordinary interest, most of them being for larceny, affray, retailing, etc. The docket contains one murder case—Charles Lytle, colored, for the murder of Mack McKinney, colored, at Old Fort. This case was taken up yesterday.

The civil docket, which is a heavy one, will probably be taken up the latter part of the week.

There is a good court crowd here, most of them being here on some business or other connected with court.

A complete record of the week's proceedings will appear in THE PROGRESS next week.

Miss Halliburton Visits Marion.

Marion and McDowell county has been honored the past week by a visit from Miss Margaret Winifred Halliburton, who is a native of McDowell county, being born in Marion. She attended her first school at Marion Graded School, and tells very interestingly of her first impressions of schoolroom life when she attended school at the old Academy at Marion. Since leaving Marion, she has come to be recognized as one of the greatest primary teachers in America. Her father, W. B. Halliburton died here during the war. They moved to Salisbury where Miss Halliburton grew to womanhood. She attended school at Greensboro Female College, Greensboro, N. C. After her graduation at this college, she taught in Asheville under P. P. Claxton for a number of years, going to Greensboro from Asheville to take charge of the training school at the State Normal College, while Prof. Claxton was at the head of the Department of Education of this Institute. She taught for a number of years in the Teachers' College, New York, and has for the past nine years been director in primary work in the State Normal School of Farmville, Va. She is the author of Graded Classics, which are the adopted Readers in North Carolina, and is also the author of the Halliburton Primer, which has just been adopted as a text-book for primary work in North Carolina. Besides this, she is also the author of quite a number of other books for primary schools.

Miss Halliburton's friends were glad indeed to have her return to her native heath, and hear her talk so interestingly of Marion in earlier days. She has lost none of her Southern spirit, and is one of the most patriotic and loyal North Carolinians and southerners, although she has been associated with educators of the North for a number of years.

CHARMING SOCIAL AFFAIR

Mrs. Ashworth Entertains—Marriage of Miss Crawford Announced.

One of the handsomest of recent social functions was given on Tuesday afternoon last by Mrs. B. L. Ashworth at her attractive home on Main street. Though the invitations said "42 at Four O'clock," it was also a delightful surprise to the guests in the announcement of the coming marriage of Miss Laura Crawford, one of Marion's fairest daughters.

The guests were greeted by Mrs. Ashworth and Miss Crawford, who presented them to Mrs. W. C. McCall at a tempting lunch bowl which was hidden in exquisite full bloom pink roses. Miss Ellen Crawford welcomed the ladies as they entered the drawing room lighted by candles shaded in pink, casting a soft rosy light over the happy assemblage. The spacious hall and library were lighted likewise in shaded candles.

Dainty heart-shaped score cards were passed by Miss Ethel Crawford and at eight table began the popular, fascinating game—"42". Mrs. James Morris having the highest score was the recipient of a handsome pink satin heart-shaped embroidery bag. Mrs. G. S. Kirby received for the second score a large pink satin rose.

A delicious "tea" was served at 8 o'clock at small tables, the cream and mints being in pink hearts. Pretty favors of pink roses filled with salted nuts were also served.

Hanging from the chandelier in the dining room was a large heart with a number of pink satin streamers. At a request from the hostess the guests simultaneously drew these ribbons which bound together two hearts bearing the names, "Miss Laura Glenn Crawford, Mr. James McIntyre Carson, October 17th, 1911."

Mr. Carson is a prominent attorney-at-law of Rutherfordton, Amid great surprise and merriment Miss Crawford graciously received the good wishes of her many friends. Several guests from out of town were present, among them being Mrs. Stoner of Biltmore.

Mrs. Ashworth's hospitality was most charming and the affair was delightful in every detail.

"Symantha" Asks Not for Argument

Readers of THE PROGRESS, I hope you will join me in sympathy for "Isaac," because he is unable to read. He says that he has heard what "Symantha" said in THE PROGRESS about him. Whoever his interpreter is, if he has any, has evidently taken the wrong view of the statements that "Symantha" made in reply to "Isaac."

"Symantha" did not propose any argument, but only asked him to prove the statement which he made in his first appearance in THE PROGRESS. While "Symantha" did not propose any argument whatever, she is willing and anxious to meet "Isaac" in any argument that he might bring forth, and show him that her mind was not demolished while on her trip to the north nor her eyesight rabid but what she can take the right view of his statements.

Now I hope if "Isaac" hasn't an interpreter he will soon get one, for if he is going to come out in his old age and butt up against "Symantha" and keep in line with all the other influential writers of THE PROGRESS he will certainly need one.

SYMANTHA.