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## GRADED SCHOOL NOTES

### Ninth and Tenth Grades Have Interesting Class Meetings—School Improvements.

The usual Thanksgiving offerings for the poor will be made by the children on Wednesday before Thanksgiving day. The fruits of the earth and money will be acceptable. It is earnestly hoped that the poor and needy that are looking forward to this occasion will not be disappointed. Let every one give as God has prospered him.

In this connection, it might be well to say that the school authorities would be glad to have the names and addresses of any destitute persons that live in the community.

Each class will repeat some verse or verses appropriate to the occasion, and the school will sing some Thanksgiving hymns. This will constitute the programme for Thanksgiving. It is taken for granted that all the churches will have services on Thanksgiving day, thus making it unnecessary for the school to have any special exercises. The school will adjourn Wednesday until the following Monday.

The Tenth Grade class had its regular monthly meeting Friday afternoon, November 10. The first number on the program was an instrumental solo by Miss Effie Bradshaw. Miss Bradshaw's effort was very much applauded. The next number was a chorus by the entire class. This was followed by a debate, the subject of which was very unique—"Resolved that the mind of woman is equal to the mind of man." After a very interesting discussion, the question was decided in favor of the negative. This decision, however, is not in conformity with that of the teachers, judging from the monthly report books. This decision may be accounted for from the fact that the negative was defended by two girls.

After discussing various questions of general interest to the class, adjournment was made until the next regular meeting.

FRANK SWEENEY, Sec'y

In an effort to make the school interesting as well as profitable to all the pupils, our teachers are encouraging us to bring to class clippings from newspapers and other periodicals bearing upon such subjects as "Aviation," "War in China," "The Turko-Italian War" and humorous selections suitable for public readings. These clippings are placed in a scrap book and are for the general use of the school.

Many improvements have been made in the school building and on the school grounds. Electric lights have been placed in the auditorium, and the heating plant has been overhauled and renovated. The grounds have been prepared and sown in rye. The walks have been laid in cement and a hedge has been set out. The banks will be covered with sod this week. The prospects are bright for a beautiful lawn.

The Ninth Grade class meeting was held at the usual time and place. Miss Ammie Bomar, the most worthy president, presided.

The first number on the program was a song by the class. This was followed by the reading of a humorous selection by Miss Rosa Houck. Many interesting and amusing anecdotes were related by Miss Ammie Bomar. The debate was interesting from the fact that a popular subject, "Woman Suffrage," was discussed. The affirmative won the question. A quartette composed of Misses Gibbs, Bomar, Baber and Messrs. Lonon and Keeter rendered a selection which closed the program. Superintendent Griffin acted as critic.

HANNIE GIBBS.

NOTE—The items in this column were written by students of the ninth and tenth grades. In the future one student from each grade will report the news of the school weekly. Announcement will be made next week of the students selected for this work.

### Miss Beall, of Greensboro, Made Secretary.

Greensboro Daily Record, 14th.

At the last meeting of the Southern Educational Association held in Chattanooga last December, Miss Meta Eloise Beall, of this city, was appointed State Secretary of the Southern Kindergarten Association. She is much interested in the promotion of this educational work, and has sent out the following letter:

A State Kindergarten Association will be formed during the Teachers' Assembly in Raleigh, Nov. 29, Dec. 2nd. Such an organization will do much to further the growth of the kindergarten movement throughout North Carolina.

Every kindergarten teacher of the State is urged to lend her hearty co-operation in this matter and to attend the Teachers' Assembly in Raleigh.

META ELOISE BEALL,  
State Secretary  
Southern Kindergarten Ass'n.

### Suit Compromised.

Eagle, Burnsville.

The damage suit instituted against the Carolina Spruce Co. by the Black Mountain Railroad, which was tried by the last term of the Superior Court and in which the plaintiffs were awarded \$80,000 damages, was compromised this week on a basis of \$60,000 damages, the defendants agreeing to pay this amount to the Black Mountain Railroad Co. The Eagle is advised that unless the weather is too severe for railroad construction, that trains will be running to Burnsville by March 1st next.

### Tom Creek School Closes.

Tom Creek, November 20.—Our school has closed and we certainly had a most successful term. Mr. W. F. Nanney, the teacher, deserves much credit for his good work here. Mr. Nanney has gone to Nebo to enter Nebo High School. We wish him great success.

F. A. H.

The skeleton found in Swain county a few days ago has not been identified, and The Bryson City Times says: "While it is more than likely that the identity may never really be known, Asheville citizens have suggested that the skeleton discovered by Jeff Woody near Sasfras Knob a fortnight ago, are the remains of J. C. Hunter, a Civil war veteran who disappeared from Avery's section of Buncombe county in 1909."

## TERRIBLE TREATMENT

### Young Man Brings Damage Suit For \$30,000—Case Non-suited.

Asheville Citizen, 17th.

Swearing that he was wrongfully imprisoned, afterwards taken out and blindfolded by a sack thrown over his head, dragged to the woods, stripped of his clothing and laid on a log with one man on his head and another on his feet and a third person strenuously applying a lash, at last being thrown over an embankment, where he received permanent injuries, Charles Buckner yesterday testified in his case against the South & Western Railroad company and the Carolina company, in which the plaintiff is suing for \$30,000 because of the brutality received at the hands of men in McDowell county during the year 1906.

Asheville Citizen, 19th.

Judge Henry P. Lane yesterday in Superior court granted the motion of the defense for a non-suit in the case of Charles Buckner against the South & Western and the Carolina company.

The plaintiff, who is represented by W. T. Morgan of Marion, and J. H. Tucker and R. M. Wells of Asheville, gave notice of appeal and proceeded to perfect arrangements to have the case acted upon by the Supreme court in December.

The motion for a non-suit was grant on the grounds that the men who brutally whipped the plaintiff whether or not they were employes of the defendant companies, were not acting within the scope of their authority and in obedience to the orders of the defendants or for their gain.

The defense was represented by Mr. Craig, Solicitor A. Hall Johnson, of Marion, and Mr. Powell, general counsel of the C., C & O.

### Assaulted and Robbed.

On Monday Pat Gibson, while on his way from Nebo to his work at Garden City, was assaulted and badly beaten by three parties unknown to him. It was about 10 o'clock in the morning when the crime was committed. Gibson was left unconscious in the road until found two hours later by friends who brought him to Marion. In the afternoon Mr. Gibson was taken to his home at Nebo and at last reports was getting along as well as could be expected.

Dillard Scruggs, Charles Moore and Charles Green, all non-residents of McDowell county, were arrested charged with the crime. They were tried before the Mayor for disorderly conduct and sentenced to terms on the chain gang. They were bound over to Superior court on charges of highway robbery. Moore and Green admitted their knowledge of the crime but place all the responsibility on Scruggs, claiming that he is responsible for it and the only one of the party guilty of the act.

Gibson claims to have been robbed of \$10. Money to this amount was found on the person of the three men.

Pay up for another year and get one of our splendid pocket knives. If you are already paid in advance you can take advantage of this offer by paying up for another year.

## MARION BUTLER AND DEMOCRATIC STATE SENATORIAL CONTEST.

New Bern Daily Journal, 10th.

In the Charlotte Observer of November 8th, Marion Butler undertakes to answer the letter of Mr. J. L. C. Bird, of Marion, N. C., published several weeks ago charging that Butler's hired hall speech delivered in Raleigh a few days before last year's election was being circulated in the rural districts for the purpose of "butting into" the Democratic Senatorial contest with intent to injure Senator Simmons who, as everybody knows, he mortally hates because he more than all others has exposed his manifold wickedness and put upon him the indelible brand of shame.

Butler's attempt in this letter to account for his belated answer to Mr. Bird's charge, published and republished weeks ago, upon the ground that he did not see it until November 5th, is too thin. No one will believe it. There can be no reasonable doubt that Butler knew of Mr. Bird's communication long before, but he did not until the Democratic press and people began to denounce his odious interference in Democratic politics realize that the circulation of his speech was having the reverse effect on Mr. Simmons' candidacy that he had intended and hoped. As soon as this fact dawned upon Butler he hurried into print with the stupid denial that the speech was either delivered or was being circulated against Mr. Simmons.

If this speech was not primarily delivered against Mr. Simmons why did Butler write him that letter shortly before it was delivered threatening to hire a hall in Raleigh and denounce him for the exposure which he was with such telling effect making of his treachery, falsehood and degradation?

With a master's hand for weeks Senator Simmons had been fastening the nippers on Butler and the eyes of the State were focused upon him expecting him soon to finish the job so auspiciously begun, when suddenly he read to the vast audience which greeted him the night he spoke in Asheville Butler's signed advertisement soliciting repudiated bonds for collection, which was telegraphed to all the dailies and appeared next morning. Thus caught with the goods on him the old traitor became beside himself with impotent rage and breathing threats against Simmons hired the hall in Raleigh and sent abroad flaming circulars announcing his purpose to flay the Senator alive.

The speech delivered at this time is the same speech now being quietly circulated in the rural districts of North Carolina.

Butler declares in his letter his speech was republished at this time in response to orders received by him or his paper at Raleigh from Republicans and Democrats alike.

If this statement is true, Mr. Butler has unwillingly let a big cat out of the bag.

Pray for what purpose can Democrats be ordering, as Butler says they are, this infamous speech?

Pray why should any Democrat wish this speech for himself or contribute to its circulation at this time or at any time, for Butler

## Engineer James Re-enters Sanatorium.

Sallybury Post, 17.

Engineer R. L. James, who was badly injured in the wreck near Old Fort last March and who spent some time at the sanatorium, entered that institution again yesterday afternoon to undergo an operation. Mr. James has never recovered from the injuries received in the smashup, being unable so far to resume his run. His host of friends will wish for him speedy and permanent relief after the operation.

## Coal Mine Explosion.

Vivian, W. Va., Nov. 18.—Fourteen men, all of whom are believed to be dead, are entombed in the Bottom Creek mine here as the result of an explosion caused by coal dust today. Four other men who were in the mine at the time of the explosion were rescued.

says its price is five cents per copy.

We do not believe this statement of Butler's is true so far as Democrats are concerned and we now challenge him to furnish a list of names of Democrats who have ordered this speech. By furnishing the public this list Butler will perform a public service and at the same time clear himself of the suspicion of a deliberate falsehood. Certainly those McDowell Democrats who gave Mr. Bird the information upon which his letter was based received as he said this speech through the mail; they were surprised to receive it; they did not subscribe for it or pay for it. It would be interesting to know who sent this speech to these McDowell Democrats. Undoubtedly Mr. Bird will be glad to give their names if he can thereby secure this information.

But so great is Butler's malignity towards Senator Simmons he could not restrain his hate long enough to preserve the consistency of his own story and in giving vent to his malice at the close of his letter he inadvertently establishes the material part of Mr. Bird's charge. He admits that four pages of his pamphlet speech are devoted exclusively to the denunciation, to use his own words, of "Senator Simmons and the machine men of his type" (meaning of course the organized and unorganized forces that under the Senator's leadership established white supremacy and disfranchised the negro.)

The very thought of Simmons so angered him that forgetting what he had written in the beginning of his letter and throwing prudence to the winds he falls into his accustomed billingsgate. He denounces Mr. Simmons as a bad man but declares he is a fit representative of the controlling element of the Democratic party of the State as now constituted. He thinks Mr. Simmons is the logical candidate for the Senate not of all the Democrats of the State but of that type who repudiated and drove him and his negro officers from power in North Carolina.

According to our thinking, if Senator Simmons and his friends do not thank Butler for writing this letter they will be lacking in gratitude. It establishes the charge of butting into the Senatorial contest made by Mr. Bird beyond all controversy.