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To achieve real success, teaching must be made an interesting business. Ideal teaching, then, will be at the same time professional and artistic, socially useful and personally pleasant. Only the man of fine qualities can enter the lists and joyously achieve.

—GEORGE H. PALMER.

Stroudtown.

Good reports are coming in from Stroudtown. The enrollment is the highest known in the history of the school. The one hundred and nine pupils are keeping the two teachers busy. The house is much too small for this number of pupils and another teacher is needed.

Altho' greatly handicapped by these conditions Misses Louise Brown and Grace Finley are doing excellent work. Two literary societies have been organized and both girls and boys are very much interested.

The larger boys have been doing some active betterment work and the school grounds are much improved.

Garden City.

Last week Misses Mary L. McKoy and Katherine Lassiter took charge of the intermediate and primary departments of Garden City School. The large enrollment made it necessary to employ three teachers this year.

This school has great possibilities. The location is ideal. The building is large and in good condition. With a little work the grounds can be made very attractive. There are several acres of good farm land belonging to the school, which can be utilized for farm demonstration with the Boys Club. This was discussed with the State Supervisor on his visit here a few days ago and with his aid we hope to make Garden City a leader in this work. Mr. Spann has organized literary societies, ball teams, etc., and the girls are very much interested in their Home-life Club.

North Cove School.

Misses Mary Greenlee and Effie Hicks are doing good work at North Cove School. The census numbers sixty-one and they have enrolled fifty-nine of this number.

Last Saturday the school boys and a number of the patrons met with the teachers and worked on the school yard, greatly improving it.

The boys hope soon to have a good ball ground and the girls are just as enthusiastic about the flower beds they are working on now.

The Sewing Club is creating a great deal of interest among the girls and we hope to accomplish much with it this year.

Everyone appreciates the kindness of Mr. Spencer in repairing the creek bridge and providing better means of securing water.

Betterment Work.

Nearly every school in the county has reported improvements made on the school yards. Nealsville had an all day picnic and every one came out and worked.

Hennessee's School reports that

every man in the district came himself or sent a hand to their all-day working. At Garden City the boys, large and small, are digging stumps, piling brush, etc. A number of the schools are making play grounds for the children. In some cases where the school grounds are not large enough for this, the progressive patrons are offering their land.

We would like to have reports for every school doing any of this work.

Notice.

The Reading Circle books are now in the Superintendent's office and the teachers are requested to call and get them as soon as possible. "Every Day Problems" will be the first one studied at the Teachers' Meetings.

Farmers' Institute.

Even though the number of farmers in attendance was small the Farmers' Institute held here Tuesday was very interesting. Many valuable suggestions and ideas on up-to-date farming were set forth.

During the morning session drainage and breaking the land was discussed thoroughly by Mr. French, a practical farmer. The afternoon period was consumed in the discussion of soil and grain crops. Other ideas of interest to the farmers present were discussed also. After this discussion the meeting was open to questions and also discussions in general by those who desired to participate. While this meeting was going on there was an institute held especially for the women, in which the different phases of rural life were discussed. Chiefest among these was the question of domestic science and home making. These two meetings will no doubt be of much benefit to those who had the privilege of hearing the different discussions.

WOMAN'S INSTITUTE.

The Women's Department of the Farmers' Institute met in the Ladies' Library of Marion Tuesday morning, August 12th. The meeting was conducted by Mrs. W. N. Hutt of Raleigh and Miss Linda Clement of Mocksville.

At the morning session Miss Clement gave a practical demonstration of bread making, and a talk on the preparation of school lunches. This was followed by a talk by Mrs. Hutt on "What to do 'till the Doctor Comes," in cases of accident or sudden sickness. Her suggestions and remedies recommended were both helpful and practical.

At the afternoon session Mrs. Hutt spoke on the causes of Infantile Paralysis according to the latest scientific research on the subject.

Other matters of interest to mothers were discussed freely and the meeting was a success in all but numbers. Few availed themselves of the opportunity of attending the Institute, but those who did go, came away feeling that the day had been well spent by coming in touch with teachers of practical, progressive ideas who are working for the betterment and uplift of humanity.

It is a much regretted fact that not a loaf of bread nor a sample school lunch was brought to the meeting, no one endeavoring to secure one of the prizes offered by the State Agricultural Department. These contests, which were fully explained in a former edition of THE PROGRESS, are only open to women and girls living on the farm.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

(Correspondents must sign their names to all communications or items will be omitted. The name of the writer will not be published, however. All communications must be in this office not later than Tuesday. Remember these rules and heed, if you please.—EDITOR.)

NEBO

Nebo, Aug. 11.—Will Hunter and family have returned from Cornersville, Tenn., where they have been for some time.

Ivory Kerr, of Asheville spent Sunday here.

G. W. Pitts and wife of Glen Alpine spent Sunday here with C. M. Hemphill.

Misses Almar and Mamie Franklin are visiting relatives in Drexel this week.

Mrs. L. A. White and son have returned to their home in Washington, D. C.

R. F. DeVault, of Morganton, spent the week end here with his sister, Mrs. M. C. Sigmon.

Misses Ethel Alexander and Almar White were shopping in Marion Thursday.

Joe Wilson, of North Cove, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Olive Annis, of Chapel Hill, spent Saturday and Sunday here with homefolks.

A number of the boys were in Marion Saturday.

L. E. Sigmon and wife, of Ridgecrest, spent the latter part of the week here with relatives.

T. W. Alexander and J. B. Howell made a business trip to Black Mountain last week.

Ed. Conley, of Linville, spent Sunday here.

R. V. Wilson was in Morganton last week.

Will Stone has bought the M. E. McNeely property and is building a new dwelling upon it.

J. B. Howell and wife were shopping in Marion Saturday.

The protracted meeting closed here Thursday night. There were eleven conversions, and eight were received into the church.

Fred Hemphill has returned from Buford, Ga., making the trip on his motor cycle.

Carson Hefner, of Morganton, is visiting homefolks here.

Mrs. M. C. Jamison was shopping in Marion the latter part of the week.

Mrs. — Herndon, of Chapel Hill, is visiting Mrs. M. L. Kaylor.

A party of the boys and girls from here attended the box-supper at Carlyle MARY ANN and NANCY.

HARMONY GROVE

Harmony Grove, Aug. 11.—Our Harmony Grove school building attracts the attention of all who pass through this community. It stands in the grove just above Harmony Grove church. Its surroundings are beautiful shade trees, and in our yard are planted a few of our choicest flowers. It is not only the house that attracts the people, but it is our bright and intelligent boys and girls. They make our very woodlands ring with their happy voices.

The school has been in session but only one month. We have had good attendance this month. All seem interested in the work this year, not only the teachers and pupils, but the community at large.

The Harmony Grove Literary Society has been organized, and held their first meeting last Friday. A very interesting program was rendered.

Mrs. J. W. P. Hill and little daughter, Sorrilla, of Forest City, are spending a few days here with relatives.

Miss Cordia Simmons, after a two weeks visit here with her mother, Mrs. Anna Simmons, returned to Raleigh last week.

Misses Ada and Leola Hill, of Forest City, were visiting their brother, Mr. J. W. P. Hill, last week. They also visited our school.

Miss Mattie Snipes, who is at work in Marion, visited home folks last Sunday. Elbert Simmons left last week for Richmond, Va., where he has accepted

a position. Reuben Proctor and Miss Alda Rowe of this place were quietly united in Marriage Sunday, August the third. Rev. G. H. Weaver officiated. They will make their future home with the groom's mother, Mrs. Proctor.

Zeb Snipes, who has accepted a position at Sevier, was a welcome visitor here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Anderson and Miss Vallie Wilson were welcome visitors at the home of Mr. Anderson's father in Marion Saturday.

Miss Ada Brown has returned from Asheville where she spent three weeks with her sister, Mrs. Laura Wood.

Our protracted meeting began here Sunday, August the 10th. That day was also memorial day here. A very large crowd was present. Very interesting talks were made by some of our good brethren on the subjects, Hope, Remembrance, and Influence. After which we all retired quietly to the cemetery and placed flowers on the graves of our departed friends.

Mrs. Davies, of Marion, was a welcome visitor at Mrs. Anderson's here one day last week.

Messrs. William Lawing and Fernon Pyatt were in Marion on business Saturday. VIOLIT.

PATTEN

Patten, Aug. 11. Miss Jennie Hunter is teaching at Pinnacle. The enrollment is very good and the school is progressing nicely.

J. A. Gettys and Miss Maggie Neill are teaching at Dry Ponds. The enrollment is 90. The teachers, patrons and children all seem to be working in perfect harmony.

Last Saturday night the school gave an ice-cream supper of which the proceeds will go to purchase a bell for the school building.

We are having good seasons in this section and the corn crop is looking fine. Wheat threshing is about over. The crop is very good, threshing from 12 to 14 bushels to the acre.

The Muddy Creek Drainage Company will soon have their dredge machine in operation. If they succeed in their undertaking they will reclaim about 1,000 acres of the best fertile land of the county.

Quite a number of the young people and some of the older ones went to the ice cream supper at Dry Ponds last Saturday night and report a fine time.

Mrs. J. P. Walker, who has undergone an operation at Dr. Long's Hospital, is reported getting along fine.

Miles Sigmon, of Newton, was here on business last Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Fox is engaged in cutting lumber for Abernethy, Lyerly & Company.

R. F. Sisk and W. M. Gettys are building a new house at Nebo for W. K. Stone.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Toney, of Sunshine, Rutherford county, were visiting relatives on the creek last Saturday and Sunday.

G. B. Mangum made 22 bushels of wheat to the acre. Who can beat that? Hugh McElrath and family, of Virginia, are visiting relatives and friends on the creek. H.

WHITE PINE

White Pine, Aug. 12.—The box supper which was given at White Pine school house Saturday night was attended by a large crowd. The proceeds will be used for digging a well for the school which is needed very much.

Mr. James Hall returned to his home at Henrietta last Monday accompanied by his sister, Miss Addie, who will visit Spartanburg and other places while away.

Mrs. E. W. Flack and little daughter Jessie Neal, of Thermal City, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. G. M. Harris.

Misses Maud Ledbetter and Pearl Gilbert, of Rutherford county, spent Saturday and Sunday here.

G. M. Harris spent Monday in Marion on business.

Miss Pearl Williams, of Thermal City, visited homefolks here Sunday.

Frank Hall, of Old Fort, attended the box supper here Saturday night.

Grover Koon, of Thermal City, spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Mrs. Laura Flack and little son, Adam.

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SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Buck Creek Lodge has been a most popular resort for the past few weeks. One of the largest as well as one of the most enjoyable parties returned last week. They left on Friday morning, and after spending several days, fishing, bathing, tramping and dancing, they were loath to break up on Tuesday afternoon. Those composing the party were: Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Dysart and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Calvert and two sons, of Statesville; Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey, and Misses Elizabeth and Frances Gilkey; Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Hudgins, and Master Carter Hudgins; Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Burton; and Misses Julia Burton, Kate May Streetman, Anna Laura and Lucile Blanton, and Dorothy Jones, and Mr. W. C. Smith.

The past week the Lodge has been occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blanton, and a party of relatives and friends. Each day guests from town were entertained. On Friday evening a delightful supper was given, the special guest on this occasion being Mrs. Locke Craig. Mr. and Mrs. Blanton had as their guests during the week, Judge Thomas Wright, of Virginia, Mr. Robert Guy, of West Virginia, Mrs. S. P. Daniel and two sons, and Miss Denny, of Virginia; Mrs. J. E. Guy, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Winborne, and Messrs. Wright and Emmet Guy, and L. J. P. Cutlar.

At her beautiful home in east Marion Mrs. Hugh F. Little entertained at a bridge luncheon on Saturday morning, given for her house guests, Misses McNally and Garner. The entire lower floor was thrown open and golden rod brightened the lovely rooms. After several games of bridge a delightful course luncheon was served. Among the guests were Mesdames Will Pless, Lucius Jennings, Hubert Potest, Hopper, Thomas, Neal, Yancey, Kirby, Burton, Blanton, Covington and Neal, and Misses Winslow and Archer, of Chapel Hill.

Mrs. J. W. Pless was the charming hostess at a very informal Sewing Party at her home, Viewpoint Bungalow, on Friday morning. Mrs. Locke Craig was the honor guest. Seventeen ladies were grouped on the wide verandahs, and busy fingers wrought skillfully for an hour. The hostess, assisted by Miss Martha Justice, served a delicious luncheon. Mrs. Craig has been a frequent visitor to Marion, and her many friends were delighted to have the pleasure of meeting her again.

Tue younger set spent a most delightful evening at the home of Miss Julia Burton, on Friday, the 8th. A number of these young people have been out of town for some weeks, and this reunion was indeed a pleasant one. Ice cream and cakes were served.

J. H. L. Miller is entertaining with a house party at Buck Creek Lodge this week. Those composing the party are Mrs. J. S. Hopper, Misses Maxwell, Maggie Morris, Hallie Gibbs, Baxie Merrill, Mamie Henderson; Messrs. Lester Morris, M. S. Giles, J. H. Halliburton and R. Kent Whitten.