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Let every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life, and every setting sun be to you as its close; then let every one of these short lives leave its sure record of some kindly thing done for others—some goodly strength or knowledge gained for yourselves.

—RUSKIN.

Greenlee School.

One of McDowell's best schools is located at Greenlee. The building is similar to the one at Nebo and is in very good condition. The grounds are covered with grass and we hope soon to see the flowers, trees, etc., flourishing there. The Dahlia farm is near the school building and Mrs. Tate has generously offered to donate bulbs to the school and superintend the building of the flower beds.

Misses Hayes, Williams and Burgin are all live, wide awake teachers and are doing all in their power to make this school a success. The Girls' Home-life society has been organized and has an enrollment of thirty. So far, this is the largest class in the county. The teachers and patrons are making plans to put water works in the school building. This will mean a great deal to the school and children and Greenlee is to be congratulated upon having such a progressive faculty.

Logan Hill School.

Logan Hill school is progressing nicely with Miss Cora Lou Butt as principal and Miss Belzora Chrisman as assistant. Quite a lot of interest has been shown in the school work this year; the parents and children co-operating with the teachers, which is the secret of a good school. The teachers are very active in improving the school life and making it attractive. The first Friday afternoon was spent in cleaning up the school grounds. The New Era Literary Society has been organized, also a sewing club and meetings are held alternately on Friday afternoons. A well is being completed for the school, which will be a great convenience. We have every reason to believe we will have a very successful school year.

C. B.

Chapel Hill School.

The enrollment of Chapel Hill school is sixty-five, but the average daily attendance for the past two weeks has been only about fifty-eight owing to the rainy weather. The Literary society which was organized four weeks ago has rendered a splendid program each Friday afternoon since. On Friday evening, August 29, the Literary Society entertained the Story Telling Club with an exercise consisting of recitations, declamations, readings, stories and songs. The Story Telling Club of the primary grades has also rendered several interesting programs.

We have already selected some of the best drawings and compositions for the fair. By October 17 I think we will have selected enough drawings compositions and note books with the girls' sewing, embroidery and crocheting work to present a very attractive exhibit.

We have succeeded in getting the school grounds cleaned off very well, but we want to do some more work, planting flowers and making

walks. All of the pupils seem to be very much interested in the regular work and our aim is thoroughness rather than rapidity.

A. D.

Teachers' Meeting.

Our first teachers' meeting will be held in the court house in Marion September 13, 1913. Seven meetings will be held this year and all teachers are required to attend at least five. The teachers are requested to bring their copies of the "Course of Study" and "Every Day Problems." A program will be sent out later.

A Correction.

We find in looking over the list of first grade teachers as published recently in this column that the name of Miss Elsie Stacy was omitted. Miss Stacy is one of our most promising first grade teachers and has work now at Siloam school.

The Fairview School-Life Club has started work in earnest and already have their fair exhibit started. The president, Minnie Dobson, is very enthusiastic and makes a good leader for this work.

All teachers can get cards for their pupil's monthly reports if they will call for them at the Superintendent's office.

A Surprise Birthday Dinner.

Otter Creek, Sept. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. Johnathan Nichols' home was the scene of great joy yesterday, when six of his sons and one daughter, together with their families and other close relatives drove into the yard about 12 o'clock and soon took possession of the dining-room and spread a sumptuous repast, consisting of nine pound cakes, candies and fruits and an abundance of other good things to satisfy the inner man. The table fairly groaned under its burden, and the tempting variety could not entice the 35 relatives who partook of the delicacies to consume one half of the quantity—sufficient remaining to have fed twice as many more.

It had been prepared as a "surprise dinner" on the occasion of Mr. Nichols' 82nd birthday. It is needless to add it was a great day for him, and that he enjoyed it all to the fullest extent and did full justice to the meal, after he could gain control of his emotions. Many of his neighbors dropped in during the afternoon to add their hearty congratulations and wishes for "many returns" of the happy occasion.

Those present from a distance were: Loyd Nichols and son Grady, James Nichols and daughter, Miss Grace, of Old Fort; Mr. and Mrs. Millard Hemphill and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nichols and family and Grover Nichols of Marion; Josh Wilkerson and Mrs. Will Whitlock and two children of Forest City, Charlie Nichols and family, Garland Nichols and a host of other relatives of Otter Creek joined in the festive occasion.

We are glad to note the marked improvement in Mr. Nichols' health over what it has been in the past.

A FRIEND.

A late report from Washington says there is a strong possibility that ex-Governor Glenn will be appointed to the office which he has had his eye on for some time, that of Interstate Commerce Commission; that he may be appointed to succeed Judson C. Clements of Georgia, whose term expires next January.

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.)

WOODLAWN

Woodlawn, Sept. 1.—Friday afternoon and night a very severe electrical storm, accompanied with wind, rain and hail, which did much damage to the crops, visited this section.

Miss Martha Hall, who is teaching at Armstrong, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.

Joseph Godfrey and Walter Brown were in Marion Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Godfrey of Armstrong spent Sunday with the latter's parents.

Miss Mattie and Eva Snipes of Marion were the guests of Miss Bessie Huskins the week-end.

Frank Elliott of Marion is visiting relatives here.

F. A. Hall and little daughter, Lena, of Tom Creek, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Zeb Snipes spent Sunday in North Cove.

On last Friday quite a number of young and older people from Marion enjoyed a picnic at Mrs. E. F. Greenlee's country home, "Sunnyside Farm." Different games were played after which ice cream was served. Among those present were Attorney G. W. Finley and family of Spartanburg, S. C.; J. F. Sprague and family, of Marion; Mrs. Hobert Hayden and little daughter, from Roanoke, Va.; Mrs. Jacob Hassler and daughter, Miss Vivian, of Florida, Mrs. E. H. House, Misses Elsie and Marguerite House, Marjorie Pratt, Martha Whitten, and Mary Gordon Greenlee, of Marion.

A STUDENT.

ASHFORD.

Ashford, Sept. 2.—The school here at Ashford is on a boom. Never has so much interest been taken by pupils and parents. The average attendance is about 85, and still they come. Much has been done to beautify the grounds. The location here is good and with a little more work we will have an ideal school. The patrons are well pleased with the work being done and are giving their heartiest co-operation for the success of the school. A program is being prepared by the pupils for "Parents' Day" September 12. We hope that every parent will attend.

Rev. J. L. Smith conducted a series of meetings at Concord church last week.

A number of our people visited the beach at Charlestown last week.

Miss Ethel Wilson and brother, Oscar, who are away teaching, visited homefolks here Saturday and Sunday.

A party was enjoyed by a number of young people at the home of J. E. Wilson Saturday night.

J. M. Gilliam of Gastonia visited his sister, Mrs. J. S. Brown, Monday night.

Master Charlton Brown is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gilliam, at Old Fort.

There will be a box supper given at Ashford school house Saturday night, September 13, the proceeds of which will be used in placing an organ in the school. The public is cordially invited.

RED WING AND HIAWATHA.

GARDEN CITY.

Garden City, Sept. 2.—A fine drove of sixty or seventy cattle passed through Garden City on the way to Mitchell county last week, the property of S. L. Phillips of Estatoe and I. H. Greene of Old

Fort. The buyers were paying fair prices for the cattle bought in the neighborhood, and a beautiful Scotch collie kept the drove well in hand.

Two recent ball games between Garden City and Buck Creek schools resulted in scores of 12 to 2 and 20 to 10 in favor of Garden City.

George W. Young is yarding a fine lot of oak logs to be sawed by the Clear Creek mill, which moves to his place this week.

Howell Allison and son George are away to Transylvania on a long-term hauling contract.

Ben Gurlé, Harlan Young, John Elliott and sister Addie, all of Garden City, attended a picnic at Woods Knob last Saturday and report a good time.

Some recent visitors to Garden City were Miss Mabel Wilson, of Morganton, Misses Elizabeth Greenlee and Hartley Butt, of the Knoxville General Hospital, Tennessee; Miss Mary Lassiter and Mrs. Joseph Brown, of Marion.

NORTH COVE

North Cove, Sept. 2.—There will be a box supper at the school house on Pepper creek next Saturday night for the benefit of the school. Jesse Corpening is teaching the Pepper creek school and is doing good work. He has accomplished a great deal towards beautifying the school grounds.

The good farmers seem well pleased with the new road built along the Spencer place. We could have better roads if the good people were all interested in road work.

William McCall was a visitor the first of the week at Swannanoa.

Rom Avery left the first of the week for Rutherford College to enter school.

Miss Eva Greenlee and her friend from Mica, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Conley last Saturday and Sunday.

C. R. McCall of Marion was a visitor here last week.

S. Bryson, who has been on the sick list several days, is able to be out again.

Will Brown of Garden City was a visitor here last Sunday.

R. E. McCall of Marion visited his brother, Charles, here during the week. James McCall of Greenlee was here Monday.

James Hennessee was in Marion on business yesterday.

NEBO

Nebo, Sept. 1.—Miss Estelle Wilson spent Friday and Saturday with Miss Eddie Young at Bridgewater.

Mrs. J. K. Stacy was shopping in Marion Friday.

T. W. Alexander and Tom England went on a pleasure trip to Erwin and Bristol, Tenn., last week.

Cecil Little of Marion was here Thursday.

J. L. Wilson has been seriously ill for several days, but glad to say that he is improving.

Mrs. H. D. Plant, after spending several months here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wilson, has returned to her home in Knoxville, Tenn.

Misses Cassie, Rebecca and Delia Patton have entered school here for the term.

J. F. Wilson made a business trip to Morganton Friday.

James Setzer of Morganton is here for awhile.

Miss Mae Scott and Pink Whisanant of Morganton spent Thursday here with Miss Ethel Alexander.

Miss Vallie Wilson of Harmony Grove was called home Friday on the account of the illness of her father.

Miss Edith Wells of Atlanta, Ga., is spending a few days with her sister, Miss Edna.

James Lewis of Erwin, Tenn., will enter school here for the term.

Mrs. Charles Simmons and children are visiting her brother, Ivory Pyatt, at Ridgecrest.

J. J. Lewis is here from Horse Shoe.

T. C. Cuthbertson of Asheville made a business trip to Nebo Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Link of Spokane, Wash., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Hendersonville is trying out two gasoline street cars, said to be the only two in the United States.

A modern hotel with 20 rooms, baths and other conveniences, has been opened in Charlotte exclusively for colored people.

Asheville banks will get \$50,000 of government money—this being in addition to the amounts allotted at other points in the State.

During a severe storm at Granite Falls, Caldwell county, Friday, lightning struck a house and tore up three rooms but none of the inmates were injured.

Miss Rainsford DuBose, daughter of the late Rev. McNeely DuBose, an Episcopal clergyman, and Dr. J. W. MacDowell of Spartanburg, S. C., will be married September 10th in Grace Episcopal church, Morganton.

The Merchants' and Farmers' bank of Bakersville, Mitchell county, was chartered last week to do a general banking business. The authorized capital is \$50,000 with \$10,000 paid in by George I. White, D. E. Hudgins and J. L. Morgan, all of Marion.

The Mt. Airy News tells that a baby born to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Everhart, of Surry county, weighed 19½ pounds. It is the tenth child born to Mr. and Mrs. Everhart, who have grandchildren. Mr. Everhart is 55 years old and his wife 47.

At the State Farmers' Convention in Raleigh last week, F. H. Hobbs of Sampson county, was elected president. Mrs. Chas. McKimmon of Raleigh was made president of the North Carolina Housewives' League, Mrs. J. G. Boylin of Wadesboro vice president and Mrs. C. R. Hudson of Raleigh secretary and treasurer.

The Yadkin Valley Herald is the name of a new paper to be launched under the Salisbury date line some time very soon. The Yadkin Valley Herald will be published twice-a-week and will take over the Semi-Weekly Post, a paper with several thousand subscribers. It will be under the direct management of Mr. C. D. Rose, as business manager, and under the editorial direction of Mr. J. F. Hurley, and these will be aided by several contributing editors.

An elaborate and complete documentary history of North Carolina's part in the Battle of Gettysburg is to be prepared and issued by the Gettysburg Battleground Commission, recently appointed by the Governor under the authority of a resolution passed by the last General Assembly. This decision of the Commission was arrived at at a recent meeting held in Raleigh. Hon. W. A. Montgomery is chairman of the Commission and Mr. R. D. W. Connor is secretary.

A report was sent out from Washington last week that ex-Gov. Glenn had been offered and had accepted an important post under the Federal government. The ex-Governor, who is in Missouri, says he has not been offered a position.

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