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GRADED SCHOOL NOTES.

Prof. Campbell Resigns and Miss Brogden Succeeds Him—Debating Societies, Etc.

Prof. C. M. Campbell has resigned his position in the high school department of the Marion Graded School, and Miss Lura Brogden, of Goldsboro, has been elected to succeed him. It is with much regret that Mr. Campbell should have found it necessary to leave us. Miss Brogden comes with the highest commendations. She graduated last year from the State Normal College at Greensboro. She has already many friends here, who will be glad to hear of her coming. During the past session she has been principal of the Glenwood Graded School. In as much as her school does not close until January 16, Mrs. Edward Long has consented to fill the position here for two weeks. Of course all the students will be glad to have "Miss Nan" with them again, even for a short time.

A motion picture machine has been installed in the new auditorium, and the first entertainment will be given Friday night, January 9, beginning at 7:30.

We are expecting several of the former students back next Monday who have been teaching in the county schools.

Two literary societies, one for the girls and one for the boys, have been organized in the high school. Marion has been placed with Asheville and Hendersonville to form a triangle in the state-wide Debating Union. Each school will furnish four debaters, two to defend each side of the question. A preliminary debate will be held immediately after the holidays, when all the high school boys will contest for representation in the debate.

Examinations for Fourth Class Postmasters.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced dates and places in North Carolina for holding civil service examinations to fill the offices of fourth class postmasters in the Tar Heel State. An executive order issued recently by the President requires competitive examinations by the commission for the position of postmasters at all fourth class offices at which the annual compensation is \$180 or more and at which the present incumbent was not appointed under the civil service regulations. They will be held in all the larger cities in the State on February 14 and in the smaller towns on February 7.

Examinations for fourth class postmasters in North Carolina under the order of the President will be held, it is announced by the Civil Service Commission, at Marion February 7.

Prize Winners.

Miss Goldie Wilbur won the diamond ring given away by Messrs. P. A. Reid & Co., on Christmas eve. In the doll contest Mary Buckley, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Buckley, received the highest number of votes and was given the doll.

Mr. J. W. Pless held the lucky number which drew the handbag given by J. H. L. Miller. The holder of No. 25,472 is entitled to the second prize, \$2.50 in gold, which will be paid when this number is presented.

Twentieth Century Club.

On Friday afternoon, December 19, Mrs. R. F. Burton entertained the Twentieth Century Club at her hospitable home on Main street. Roll call was answered by Christmas quotations, all of which rang with a joyous Christmas spirit. The program that followed was exceedingly entertaining.

Mrs. Hudgins read part of that beautiful classic, Dicken's Christmas Carol. Mrs. J. G. Reid entertained all with a touching, sympathetic monologue, "Sonny," an exquisite Christmas story. Mrs. White's paper, "Christmas Customs in Foreign Lands," showed how this great festival is kept the world over.

After a pleasant social chat, tea was served in the dining room at one long table and four small ones that were most attractive in Christmas decorations. The entire afternoon was one of enthusiastic good wishes among all present.

In Honor of Miss Morris.

Mrs. Pescod Craig entertained a number of friends Monday afternoon at her home on Morgan street in compliment to Miss Maggie Morris whose engagement to Mr. J. H. Miller of this town has just been announced. The living room and halls were beautifully decorated with holly and mistletoe.

After a very interesting game of progressive Forty-two the guests were invited into the dining room. The favors and place cards were decorated with poinsettia. The place cards bore quotations supposed to give the chief characteristic of each guest. These were read aloud amid much merriment. A delicious salad course was served.

With the last course came the surprise when Mrs. Craig presented a large Christmas basket to the honor guest. This unique shower contained linen, cut glass, etc., from the many friends of the bride-to-be.

Miss Morris is a member of one of McDowell's most prominent families and very popular in social circles.

Christmas Dance.

The dance which was given by the young men at the Marianna Hotel last Monday evening was one of the most delightful affairs of the holidays. In marked contrast to the inclement gloom without, the dining room with its simple but effective decorations of potted plants etc., presented a scene of real Yuletide cheer. Music was furnished by a band from Morganton. Dancing began about 9:00 o'clock.

Among those present were Misses Kate Mae Streetman, Nellie Blanton, Elsie House, Annie Laurie Blanton, Kathryn Lassiter, Julia Burton, Maud Barnard, Martha Decker, Marion Alford; Madames Burton and Clark; Messrs Will Blanton, Ed. Kanipe, Byron Conley, J. W. Streetman, John Elliott, Frank Morphew, W. C. Smith, Jock Lonon, Frank Howard, Kenneth Kirby and Emmet Guy.

Remember, we give 3,000 votes in the Grafonola contest for every dollar paid on subscription to **THE PROGRESS**. Get your friends and neighbors to pay their subscriptions and get the votes.

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN

Maud Barnard, Editor.

A New Year's Meditation.

Let every dawn of the 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.

—JOHN RUSKIN.

The many friends of Miss Hayes will be glad to hear that she has recovered her strength sufficiently to resume her work at Greenlee.

Quite a crowd enjoyed the tree at Garden City school Christmas Eve.

Nebo High School will re-open January 5th with another teacher in the high school department. Later on a special course for teachers will be given.

The "Social Center" Idea.

It is generally agreed that there is less opportunity for the people of the country to get together and have a general good time than there used to be. There used to be the husking bees, the barn raisings, the threshing days, even the log rollings. There used to be the apple cuttings, the bean strings, the sugar makings. There used to be the spelling bees, the old time "literaries," the "heated" debates. There are not so many of any of these "diversions" today. In many communities nearly all of these have been entirely abandoned. Nothing has taken their places. Many of the rural churches have been abandoned, the ministers having either starved out, or left the country. Perhaps the best means we have left for getting the rural folk together is the Sunday School. This, however, is usually active only during the summer months.

What are the results of all this change? In the first place the people in the country are without amusement, recreation, or social life. They do not even visit one another as they did formerly. Families live in varying degrees of isolation. This situation makes living in the country dull, uneventful, uninteresting. As a final result many of our country boys and girls and not a few older ones leave the farms and go to the cities where they congregate on the streets, at the "movies," at the club, at the dance halls, at the theatre, sometimes at the poolrooms, gambling dens, evil resorts and saloons. And we are not to censure too severely these young people for leaving the farms and going to the cities. Man is a social animal. He takes to society naturally. Isolation from his fellows is unendurable to youth or grown-up. If he cannot find good company there he will find bad. He must have companions. Therefore, just as long as the country fails to provide some means of social enjoyment the boys and girls will continue to go to the cities in large numbers.

The migration to the city would not be so bad if the city were the best place in the world for these young people to live. As a matter of fact, no city is either all good or all bad. But in every city there is opportunity for young people to be bad. Many of our country boys and girls go to the

city and make good. We sometimes boast of the large number of men from the country who now hold responsible posts both in business and in the professions. But we fail to mention the large number who have utterly failed to make of themselves anything except crooks, criminals or loafers. Whether a country boy will make good in the city depends largely upon the boy in the first place, and in the second place upon the kind of company he gets into when he reaches the city. Other things being equal the country boy has greater evil temptations in the city than the city-born youth, for the reason that the latter grows up amidst city environment, becomes accustomed to it as he grows, while the country boy plunges immediately into an entirely new environment, to which he is wholly unprepared to adjust himself. When a country boy or country girl leaves the farm for the city the father and mother can never be quite sure that their child will not fall by the wayside as one of the tares.

What, therefore, shall be done to make living in the country tolerable to our country youth? The solution devolves upon the school. Upon the teacher rests the immediate responsibility of leadership in all that may be done. She must secure the cooperation of the ministers, of the parents and citizens, in devising ways and means of bringing the young people together often for social enjoyment, mental recreation, even for merely good fellowship. The boys and girls will do their part if only proper leadership and encouragement are afforded them.—Selected.

Schoolroom Discipline.

The old-fashioned topics of order and discipline have practically disappeared from institute programs. Perhaps instructors take it for granted that teachers are no longer desirous of suggestions which deal with such practical questions, yet it is often true that a large number of failures come from the neglect to maintain good order, which is the old fashioned name for a well organized school—a school where every pupil works quietly without disturbing the school or the teacher. Every teacher who desires to succeed must establish order, quiet, industry and punctuality during the first month of school or her year's work is likely to prove a partial or total failure. She must have high standards and must contrive to secure the co-operation of her pupils in maintaining these, or there will be great waste in results.—Exchange.

Mr. Hinshaw to Rutherford College

His friends will be pleased to learn that Prof. R. E. Hinshaw of Nealsville, N. C. has been placed on the faculty of Rutherford College. Mr. Hinshaw is well known in McDowell County. He has been connected with school work in this county for the past five years with great success. He has been principal of Glenwood Graded School for the past three years where he has made many friends and done a great work in school building and establishing a high standard of citizenship. While we regret to lose such men as Mr. Hinshaw from our county, our best wishes go with him in his new work.

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.—Enron.)

MOUNTAIN NEWS.

Dysartsville, Dec. 29.—John Melton of Asheville, is a visitor at Jack Melton's for a few days.

Jack Melton has been hindered considerably in the operation of his mine on account of accidents.

J. C. Melton has moved to his new home.

Miss Susan Terry of Shelby, is visiting relatives near Dysartsville.

F. J. Epley has returned home from Virginia. He likes the country very much.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchins of Cane Creek were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Melton recently.

Jesse Terry reports catching a wild cat a few nights ago.

Misses Biddie and Celia Melton made a visit to Rutherfordton during the week.

Mrs. Mary Landis, generally known as "Granny Mary," will be ninety-seven years old January 19th.

WILD BILL.

LAUREL HILL.

Nebo, Route 1, Dec. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McLemore of Marion visited relatives here last week.

Elijah Harris and sister, Sadie, of Hollis spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Price.

Charlie Dickson and D. P. Loundermilk of Marion were visitors here Sunday.

Hoby Ellington and family visited his brother in Rutherfordton last week. Lela Price of Marion spent last week with homefolks here.

J. F. Foster made a business trip to Cliffside recently.

Jesse R. Walker was in Marion last Saturday.

Charlie Condaey of Georgia and brother, Ed. of Union Mills, are visiting their father, William Condaey.

E. L. Walker who has been employed by Blackburn Bros. on Buck Creek is at home again.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward of Black Mountain visited A. C. Price during the week.

BONNY.

CATAWBA VALLEY

Catawba Valley, Dec. 30.—R. H. McCall has been very sick with pneumonia for more than a week but is improving.

R. E. Pendergrass of Black Mountain was a visitor in the valley Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lillian Wells is visiting relatives at Forest City.

Miss Pearl Burgin spent Christmas in Old Fort.

Mrs. J. A. Moody has been on the sick list for several days.

Tom Greenlee, who is in school at Mars Hill, is spending the holidays with homefolks.

MINNEHAHA.

Standing of Contestants.

Following is the standing of the contestants in the Grafonola contest for the week ending December 24:

No. 1, 33910 votes; No. 3, 13000; No. 7, 17250; 9, 83990; 11, 106222; 12, 33450; 13, 17750; 14, 41955; 16, 47025; 17, 27750; 18, 17275; 21, 17625; 23, 57255; 27, 17875; 28, 17950; 30, 12310; 31, 58870; 35, 17595; 38, 50420; 39, 18250; 42, 382970; 43, 41260; 44, 38580; 45, 100710; 46, 140055; 49, 12000; 51, 123220; 54, 17795; 55, 39850; 57, 15645; 59, 16000; 60, 17990; 65, 17625; 68, 17765; 70, 5405; 73, 99060; 74, 29460; 77, 17795; 79, 45570; 80, 18150; 81, 51185; 82, 16790; 83, 106080; 85, 50245; 86, 35020; 93, 102545; 95, 36035; 96, 14000; 98, 17775; 103, 48970; 106, 35645; 108, 173985; 109, 17945; 111, 36615; 113, 16140; 116, 3000; 120, 358420; 121, 290090; 125; 160510; 126, 40175; 131, 369970; 136, 17240; 139, 11685; 143, 104750; 149, 16000; 150, 159540; 155, 76145; 158, 45235; 161, 12000; 162, 36420; 166, 48915; 167, 15640; 169, 15677; 173, 9435; 179, 4000; 180, 15700. No. 40, 19270.

All other numbers, 1 to 181 not mentioned above, have 2000 votes each to their credit.

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