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SCHOOL HOUSE WARMING

Formal Opening of New Graded School Building Friday Night
—Dr. Joyner Coming.

All arrangements have been completed for the formal opening of the new Graded School building Friday night, February 6, at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will deliver the principal address. Prof. N. W. Walker, State Inspector of high schools, will also deliver an address.

The following well known educators will be present to represent their respective schools: Dr. J. I. Foust, president State Normal College, Greensboro; Dr. D. H. Hill, president A. & M. College, Raleigh; Prof. Flowers, Trinity College, Durham; Prof. A. C. Reynolds, president Cullowhee Training School, Cullowhee; Supt. Harry Howell, Asheville City Schools; Supt. C. M. Staly, Hickory Graded School; E. M. Hairfield, Morganton Graded School; Supt. J. C. Crutchfield, Rutherfordton State High School; Supt. W. H. Cole, Hendersonville Graded School.

The high school girls will sing in two choruses, and a choir composed of local talent will sing an anthem. Now let us show our interest in the school by attending the exercises Friday night. No charge for admission. There are seats for 500 people, and it is earnestly hoped that not a seat will be vacant when the exercises begin.

Dr. Joyner is one of the best known speakers in the State, known for his entertaining as well as instructive addresses. Prof. Walker will have something interesting to say to all who are interested in high school work. Each of our visitors will have just a word to say about our school and the new building. Let every friend and patron of the school come out Friday night.

Immediately after the exercises the faculty and the members of the school board will give a reception in honor of the visiting educators.

Bridge Bids Rejected—Commissioner Yancey Resigns.

The county commissioners held their regular monthly meeting at the court house Monday and Tuesday. Much of the time was spent in transacting routine matters. The bids filed for the construction of six iron bridges were examined but all were rejected and the board refused to let out any contracts. The bids were all adjudged to be too high, the lowest bid being \$10,250.

Clifton R. McCall and William Sweeney were appointed members of the finance committee in place of E. K. Hild and John Yancey, who declined to serve.

At the close of the business session Tuesday, John Yancey tendered his resignation as county commissioner which was accepted. Mr. Yancey stated that his reason for resigning was that his business demanded all his attention and that he could not well spare the time to further serve on the board. The vacancy on the board has not yet been filled. The appointment is made by the Clerk of the Superior Court.

Court Adjourns.

The civil term of McDowell Superior Court adjourned Saturday. The case of J. Q. A. Michael vs J. L. Leach, trading as Hickory Steam Laundry, resulted in a verdict from the jury of \$2,000 damages against the defendant. This case grew out of a prosecution by Leach against Michael a year or so ago charging him with embezzlement. In that prosecution Michael was acquitted by the jury. He then instituted the above case for damages for malicious prosecution in Leach charging him with embezzlement. The jury again vindicated Michael and found that Leach prosecuted him without probable cause and with malice, and gave damages against Leach in the above amount.

The case of W. Hicks Morris vs W. A. B. Garrison resulted in a verdict of judgment for the defendant, the plaintiff failing to recover.

Floyd Gardner et als. vs John McNeely et als., judgment for plaintiff for \$25.00.

J. H. May vs Western Union Telegraph Co., judgment for plaintiff for \$500.

H. W. Presley vs J. J. Sewall, judgment for plaintiff for \$38.00.

The Methodist Sunday School.

It was good to look upon the Sabbath school at the Methodist church last Sunday morning.

There were present 187 people. This is possibly the largest crowd that has ever come together there in the capacity of a Sabbath school.

We are expecting great things from our Sunday school. Shall we be disappointed? You have the answering of that question in your hands.

Don't you wish to join the great Sunday school movement of today with its 30,000,000 men, women and children? Come and enlist as a pupil in this great world-wide work which is being prosecuted in the Christian churches.

"He hath sounded forth the trumpet which shall never call retreat. He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat; O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant in your feet: Our God is marching on."

In order to reach the 200 mark set for our Sunday school we shall need 13 new pupils next Sabbath day.

L. D. THOMPSON, Pastor.

Morganton Subscribes for Furniture Factory.

Morganton, Jan. 30.—Morganton citizens are beginning to realize the importance of the vast timber advantages of Burke County, and plans are on foot to erect another furniture factory. Thirty thousand dollars stock has already been subscribed and it is thought the amount will reach \$50,000 when a complete canvass is made.

It is understood that the committee has propositions from outside capital for an amount equal to that raised by the citizens, and several sites are being looked over.

In addition to this, full stock has been subscribed to build a knitting mill.

If you like this paper, send us twenty-five cents in stamps and let it come to you three months.

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN

Maud Barnard, Editor.

An Acre of Corn in the South.

Walker Lee Dunson, of Alexander City, Ala., made this year a yield of two hundred and thirty-two and two-tenths bushels of corn on one acre, at an average cost of 19.9 cents a bushel.

This is the best showing of any corn-grower in the United States and probably in the whole world. The champion of the great corn state, Iowa, grew 136.70 bushels on an acre. J. Ray Cameron, of Kinston, N. C., made 190.4 on an acre at a cost of 33.19 cents, and E. C. Morgan, of Marietta, N. C., raised 127.8 bushels on an acre at the low figure of thirteen cents a bushel.

The record of this Alabama boy and these two young Carolinians tell an eloquent story of the almost unlimited capacity of the South as a corn producing section of the nation.—N. C. Christian Advocate.

Good Attendance at Teachers' Meeting.

Although the rains had made the roads almost impassable the teachers' meeting last Saturday had a good attendance. About fifty teachers were enrolled. Mr. McGuire read an excellent paper on "Our Compulsory Attendance Law" and Dr. Reid made a talk on "Oral Hygiene."

Prof. I. C. Griffin continued his discussion on "Every Day Problems." With the outlines which he has prepared for the teachers the study of this book is proving both beneficial and interesting. Mr. Griffin will take up the remaining chapters at the next meeting which is scheduled for March 7.

The games and songs of Misses Scott and Meriwether were very interesting indeed and being practical can be used by any teacher to make the recesses helpful recreation periods and not a time of trouble for teacher and pupil alike.

McDowell Corn Club Record.

A letter from Mr. A. K. Robertson of Raleigh says:

"The boys in your county did very well as their average is just about the same as the State average per acre this past year. The latter was 62.4, but your boys beat the state average on cost production by four and one-half cents per bushel, that is they grew their almost equal amount at 32¢ per bushel when the state average was 37¢ per bushel. Your county also beat the average on final reports and I believe it will do even better this year."

Two of our boys took district prizes. Rom Houck took first district prize and Joe Greenlee the second. Next year we hope to do even better than this. A large number of boys have been enrolled as members of the 1914 corn club, and if there are other boys who wish to join please send in names at once. We hope to enroll 200 members this year.

Fairview School.

Fairview school closed last Friday, ending the most successful term which has been taught here for some time. Miss Rosa Houck who has been teacher, has proven

herself an energetic and enthusiastic woman, and the people of Fairview wish her much success in her work for the coming years.

Friday afternoon when the school children's task had ended, after playing for some time, they were called to their respective desks, and prizes were delivered to the following for perfect attendance during the five months: Minnie, Jessie and George Dobson, and Johnny Gardin. The leaders in spelling: Mary Jarrett, Callie Hensley, George Dobson, Minnie Dobson, and George Gardin. After these prizes were delivered the "candy" was passed which was enjoyed most by the little folks.

Ashford School Closes Friday.

Ashford, Feb. 2.—The school at Ashford will close Friday, Feb. 13, with the following program:

Addresses by W. T. Morgan of of Marion, and Rev. D. J. Hunt of Union Mills, beginning at 10:30 a. m. Dinner will be served on the grounds at 12 o'clock. Everybody is requested to bring well filled baskets. A declaimer's and reciter's contest will be given at 1 o'clock p. m. This contest will close in time for the judges to go away on No. 3 if they desire to do so. There will be an entertainment consisting of songs, plays, drills, &c., beginning at 7:00 o'clock p. m. A string band has been engaged to furnish music.

Everybody is cordially invited to come and be with us. Let us have a good day together.

Bethlehem School.

The Bethlehem School will close Friday, February 6th. Friday evening of same date the school will give a public entertainment beginning at 7:00 o'clock sharp. The program follows:

Song: Our School.
Recitation, Golden Keep, Carmel Melton.
Recitation, How to Be Happy, Jesse Brown.
Dialogue: Brown Eyes and Blue Eyes.

Recitation, A Boy's Troubles, James Clontz.
Music by band.

Dialogue: Reviewing for Examination.

Recitation, The Wreck of the Hespews, Addie Lavender.

Recitation, Dorothy's Valentine, Leila Halford.

Recitation, Our Flag, Ella Lackey.

Song, All Through the Night.

Recitation, Give the Boys a Chance, Alfred Gibson.

Dialogue: No Peddlers Wanted.

Music by band.

Recitation, God's Lamps, Tressie Parker.

Pantomime: The Star Spangled Banner.

Dialogue: The Way to Wyndham.

Song: The Gentle Spring.

Recitation, Philip Barton of Denver, Annie Brown.

Recitation, Noshi and the Morning Glory, Leila Melton.

Dialogue: The Sick Doll.

Recitation, The Crowning Ignorance, Elisha Gibson.

Dialogue: Coon Creek Courtship.

Music by band.

Recitation, The Vacation Children.

Pantomime: Annie Laurie.

STATE-NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Fifty-two applicants, one colored, took the examination for law license before the State Supreme Court Monday.

It is said that approximately 900 students are now in all departments of the University, all but 49 of them from North Carolina.

The Governor has decided that the pardon mill has done enough business for the present and he will consider no pardon applications this month.

A fire which broke out in the second story of the Model Steam Laundry at Durham Friday destroyed practically all of the machinery of the laundry and did damage amounting to \$10,000.

Governor Craig has appointed over 100 delegates to the sixth annual National Corn Exposition, which will be in progress at Dallas, Texas, February 10 to 24. Included in the number are W. W. Neal and Rom Houck of Marion.

At Elk Park, Avery county, Friday night, fire destroyed the Elk Park furniture store, W. W. Lineback hardware store, T. J. Ray's galax building, Attorney Harrison Baird's law office and the telephone office. Loss estimated at \$20,000 to \$25,000, partially covered by insurance.

Marshal Chas. A. Webb has appointed John Y. Jordan of Asheville his chief deputy. The marshal's office force, in addition to Jordan, will be composed of J. F. Gardner of Randolph county and J. D. Poole of Asheville. The latter formerly resided in Wayne county but has made Asheville his home since last May.

It was reported from Washington last week that C. C. Wright, superintendent of education for Wilkes county, would be candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Commissioner of Agriculture next year. Mr. Wright was in Washington last week and evidently is considering being a candidate, but he tells the Winston Sentinel that it is too early to decide.

While cutting timber in Stony Cove one day last week, The Old Fort Sentinel says Ed Allison was struck on the head by a falling tree, which fractured his skull. The injured and unconscious man was picked up by J. H. Eller, who carried him over 300 yards towards home. After an operation was performed, relieving the pressure on the brain, Mr. Allison rallied, and at last accounts was still improving.

The new express rates recently ordered by the interstate commerce commission became effective February 1st, and in the future shipments will be carried at greatly reduced prices in the vast majority of cases. The new rates call for reductions of as much as fifty per cent in many instances.

Weather Report.

Thomas McGuire, Sergeant U. S. Army, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion station for the week as follows:

Maximum,	66 degrees
Minimum,	25 degrees
Rain,	0.73 inches
Sunshine per cent	.71