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## EDUCATIONAL COLUMN

(Maud Barnard, Editor.)

### Schools and Teachers Beginning Work July 20th.

Hankins—Maggie Bird and Della Gibbs.  
North Cove—Ellen Carson and Addie Elliott.  
Chapel Hill—Olivia Patton and Vera Corpening.  
Stroudtown—Della Williams, Jennie Hunter and Estelle Wilson.  
Woodlawn—Louise Brown.  
Harmony Grove—Maggie Goforth and Iowa Sigmon.  
Sugar Hill—Pearl Williams and Mary Greenlee.  
Glenwood—Cora Lou Butt, Ada Brown and Pyatt.  
Pinnacle—Leon Gilbert.  
Siloam—Mattie Tate and Mrs. Charles Steppe.  
Belfont—Annie Glass and Madge Brown.  
Bethlehem—Mamie Goforth.  
Graphite—(Upper) Cheley Sigmon; (Lower) Annie Gibson.  
Cowans—Julius Parker.  
Sandy Flat—Effie Cannon.  
Vein Mountain—J. W. P. Hill.  
Laurel Hill—Maggie Taylor.  
Carlyle—Ruth Hunter.  
Fairview—Mamie Stacy.  
Buck Creek—Hannie Biddix.  
Sunnyvale—Fannie Gibson.  
Armstrong—Will Landis.  
Pepper's Creek—Arthur Vess.  
Mt. Mitchell—Lula Washburn.  
Curtis Creek—Dora Gibbs.  
Catawba—Daintry Graham.  
Domé—Vance Snipes.  
Stone Mountain—Zelda Yelton.  
Head 'o the River—Winnie Wilson.  
White Pine—Rosa Houck.  
Tom's Creek—Blanche Houck.  
Jackson's Creek—Beatrice Simmons.

### Tom's Creek School.

One of the best little schools in McDowell county is now in session at Tom's Creek with Miss Blanche Houck as teacher. The school has only been in session two weeks but the teacher and children have manifested their interest and energy by making the school room attractive and home like, with pictures, curtains and potted plants. Some work has been done on the grounds and an all-day working and picnic is planned for the future. Then we expect to see one of the prettiest school yards in the county.

### Tomato Club Girls Raise Money.

The girls of the Garden City Tomato Club gave an ice cream supper at the school house last Saturday night at which time about fifteen dollars was realized. This will be used to buy canning outfits, etc. A string band furnished music for the occasion.

### At Greenlee School.

The Tomato Club girls will give an ice cream supper at Greenlee school house Saturday night, the proceeds to go toward buying canning outfits.

There will be an ice cream supper at Hankins school next Friday night, July 31.

For the quarter ending June 30, Vital Statistics Officer Thomas McGuire reports 13 births and 5 deaths in Marion, and 23 births and 23 death for Marion township.

### A Pleasant Gathering.

A most enjoyable meeting of old friends took place at the lovely, improved home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Price on the evening of July 23rd in honor of their guest and niece, Mrs. John Carson, of Knoxville, Tenn., and eldest daughter of the late Dr. B. A. Cheek.

It was a pleasant and sad event, also, for the dark clouds of sorrow had overshadowed that home lately, and saddened hearts. A loved one had passed from out its portals never to return. Mrs. Carson had only a few days to visit in her old home town and Mrs. Price and sister, Mrs. J. C. Brown, knew of no better way to meet many friends than give her a surprise by this informal gathering. We all enjoyed the warm hand clasp once more in this old world of tears and changes.

Mrs. George Conley and Mrs. Ben Price greeted the guests and served refreshing punch on the large, beautiful porch. Then a hearty hand shake followed, while soft strains of music from the parlor, made by Mr. Gruber and Mrs. Cooper, finished the hearty welcome. Mrs. Gruber, with her magnificent voice, sang sweetly some dear old time melodies, bringing back to many better and brighter years.

Later, delicious cake and cream was served on the porch. Rev. Mr. Moore of the Baptist church made some touching remarks explaining the object of the gathering, after which Mrs. Carson expressed her thanks for the kindness and tokens she received, and last as a farewell, was urged to play some old and difficult pieces, taking many of us back to her childhood, and proving life, with its many sad changes, had not taken the gift of music from her. Many thanks to the kind host and hostess for such a pleasant evening.

### Mysterious Affair.

Old Fort Sentinel.

Mr. J. H. Young had a close call last Saturday night. In company with Mr. Claud Vess he was riding south of town towards Crooked creek and when near the old campground graveyard his horse suddenly shied to one side, then lurched to the other, and when reined in, reared up and fell to the ground, pinning one foot, which remained in the stirrup, under the horse. The night was quite dark, and Claud, who was riding a few yards ahead, did not know anything had happened until Jim called for help to extricate his leg from under the horse. Not until he had freed his limb, which had a paralyzed feeling, did he realize what had taken place—that he had been dangerously cut in the left side just above the hip with some keen-edge blade, the gash being long and deep. His horse was also badly slashed. Mr. Young says he did not see or hear any one approach him and at first thought the horse had got tangled up in some barbed wire, but when the doctor disclosed the nature of the wound, which required 32 stitches, the mystery was intensified and is yet without explanation. Mr. Young has since been in bed, but resting easy.

Bring in or phone your news items to The Progress office.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

#### SUGAR HILL.

Sugar Hill, July 27.—Sugar Hill school opened the 20th with Misses Mary Greenlee and Pearl Williams as teachers. Mrs. J. Preston Rabb of Lenoir is visiting relatives here. Miss Louise Crawford was shopping in Marion Tuesday. Miss Lucile Ashworth of Fairview visited friends here last week. Mrs. J. F. Jonas of Marion visited her parents here last week. Henry and Robert Farr left Thursday for Morganton where they have accepted positions.

A. W. Hogan is having his dwelling house remodeled.

James Bright is on the sick list. B. M. Bright has his new dwelling house almost finished.

The threshers are beginning to thresh wheat in this community.

Dean Crawford made a business trip to Marion Tuesday.

J. F. Jones has returned from a business trip in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Harris spent Thursday in Marion.

Ed Hogan of Union Mills spent the latter part of last week here with home-folks.

J. C. Crawford made a business trip to Marion last week.

J. M. Brown of Marion was here on business last week.

Misses Mary Greenlee, Pearl Williams and Bertha Morris, W. M. Wilson, Ernest Koon, Fred Morris and Lawrence Crawford spent Sunday in the Cove.

W. L. Fortune and daughter, Miss Carrie, of Clifton, S. C., is spending some time here for their health.

R. A. Allison left Monday for Transylvania county where he has accepted a position.

J. D. Wilson was in Marion on business Saturday.

Miss Louise Crawford and Dean Crawford spent the latter part of last week in Rutherfordton.

Mrs. Claud Wilson and sister, Miss Annie, are visiting relatives and friends in Union Mills and Rutherfordton.

#### BRIDGEWATER.

Bridgewater, July 27.—Mrs. T. A. Seals and Mrs. M. L. Hildebrand spent Tuesday in Nebo with friends.

Miss Donnie Cobb of Morganton was here a few days last week.

Misses Maggie Newland and Sarah Taylor of Morganton were the guests of Mrs. Eck Abernethy last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dewey of Asheville visited the latter's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Tate, Sunday.

Miss Gladys Atwell of Marion is the guest of Miss Norah Ballew this week.

Mrs. C. B. Kincaid and daughter, Miss Lula, were shopping in Morganton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Whiteheart of Greensboro are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hemphill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hunter spent Saturday in Morganton with their daughter, Mrs. C. L. Holland, who is in Grace hospital for treatment.

George Simpson of Conley Springs visited friends on the creek Sunday.

Misses Norah Ballew and Gladys Atwell spent Monday in Morganton.

Quince Simpson and W. W. Giles of Glen Alpine are painting the Graded School building here.

Mrs. H. P. Robinson, after spending some time here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Tate, has returned to her home in Newton.

Misses Sadie Seals, Gladys Atwell, Cecilia and Norah Ballew and George Simpson, Jay Ballew, Robert Seals and Roby Conley spent Sunday evening in Glen Alpine.

Mrs. R. L. Riddle of Burnsville is visiting her nieces, the Misses Ballew.

Miss Mattie Harbison of Glen Alpine, Mrs. J. C. Luck and daughter, Miss Annie of Conley Springs, were the guests of Miss Carrie Tate last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eck Abernethy spent the week-end in Morganton with relatives.

Mrs. J. H. Tate and children of Marion are visiting relatives on Muddy

creek. C. D. Hemphill spent the week-end in Hickory on business.

Mrs. Ben Martin and children are visiting relatives at Hankins.

Mrs. Annie May Flowers of Marion visited her sister, Mrs. Sam Gibson, here last week.

Misses Alleta McCall, May East and Jessie Folks spent Saturday in Morganton.

Mrs. W. Kennedy of Erwin, Tenn., is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. L. Hildebrand. Bill and Joe.

#### STROUDTOWN.

Stroudtown, July 27.—Stroudtown school opened July 20th with a very good attendance. The teachers are Misses Jennie Hunter, Della Williams and Estella Wilson.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church will give an ice cream supper in the grove at the church next Saturday night, August 1, the proceeds to go to finish paying for the carpet. Everybody invited.

Woody Poteet of Canton is home on a visit.

Miss Annie Seagle of Bridgewater was the guest of Miss Mary Turner during the week. Honeysuckle

Stroudtown, July 27.—George Bowman, who has been attending school at Berea College, Berea, Ky., is home to spend a few days with his mother.

Jake Bowman of Black Mountain spent the week-end here with his mother.

The members of the Farmers' Union from the different sections of the county held their annual meeting at Stroudtown school house last Saturday. Much to our regret Mr. Alexander could not be present but the impromptu speeches were very much enjoyed by all. They were rendered in such a manner as showed great interest on the part of the people. Dinner was served at 12 o'clock after which a private local meeting was held.

C. E. Owenby and Charles Stroud spent Sunday in Morganton.

Stroudtown school opened Monday, July 20, with an enrollment of 85 scholars. The number increased, until on Friday the enrollment had reached 91. The well has been renovated until the water is now usable. On Thursday the boys put in some good work cleaning off all the shrubbery and briars and the grounds look more inviting. We are expecting great things from Stroudtown school this term and hope the people will cooperate with the teachers in making it a grand and complete success. Grover Green spent last week in Lenoir.

The people are hoping soon to have their new church completed. There is only a small amount of work to be done until it is ready for painting.

#### HANKINS.

Hankins, July 27.—Mrs. Will Smith and little daughter, Jennie Mae, of Marion spent Saturday and Sunday here with Miss Annie Barnes.

Mrs. J. B. Higgins spent one day last week at Sevier with her daughter, Mrs. Charles F. Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Barnes of Marion spent Sunday here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Epley.

Mrs. Henry Johnson of Marion spent last week with Mrs. C. McNeely.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Christopher of Easy, S. C., spent several days here last week with the latter's father, James Hemphill.

There will be an ice cream supper at Hankins school house Friday night, 31st. John and Walter Anderson of Carlyle were visitors here Sunday.

Mrs. W. McNeely of Johnson City, Tenn., and Miss Jennie McNeely were guests of Mrs. R. D. Barnes, Sunday.

John Gardin of Lynch has returned home after spending some time here repairing the Dysart mill. The mill is again in operation. Doo Little

#### CROOKED CREEK.

Crooked Creek, July 27.—The protracted meeting at Salem church closed last Sunday, there having been about forty conversions during the two weeks.

Hugh Bird, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Byrd, died at his home here last Thursday morning, after an illness of two weeks, with typhoid fever. He was buried Friday morning at 11 o'clock

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

### Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

A charter has been issued The Toe River Fair association, of Pine Bluff, Mitchell county, capital \$50,000 by E. F. Wilson, J. E. Evans and others for holding a county and district fair.

Col. W. W. Phifer, one of Charlotte's foremost citizens, died at his home in that city, Wednesday night, aged 65. He was born in Fort Mill, S. C., in 1850. He had been prominent in local politics and was a member of the executive committee of the board of aldermen of Charlotte at the time of his death.

June vital statistics by the state department of health show 6,753 births and 3,535 deaths in North Carolina during the month, the births exceeding the deaths by 3,218. The department estimates that in the course of a year the births in the state exceed the deaths by 38,616. North Carolina's death rate is 18.24 per thousand and the death rate in the United States is 14.4 per thousand. A large part of this difference prejudicial to North Carolina is that the vital statistics in this state are gathered now so much more completely than in the country at large.

### Gov. Graig Extends Time for Enforcing Rates.

Raleigh, July 24.—Governor Craig this afternoon issued another proclamation further extending the date for the Justice act of the special session of the legislature fixing reduced intrastate freight rates to go into effect, the latest extension of time being to August 10, by which time it is expected that the special intrastate rate commission, Judge Justice chairman, will have completed its investigation and definitely declared what the intrastate rates shall be as they are empowered to do by the act.

Dr. James H. McIntosh, a well-known physician of Columbia, S. C., was shot and seriously wounded by an unknown assailant about two o'clock Thursday morning as he was returning home from a hospital. It is thought he was attacked for political reasons, as his name has been brought into the senatorial campaign recently.

Huerta did not salute the flag. He ducked under it.

at Cherry Springs cemetery. Deceased was twenty years old. There are many friends who will regret to learn of his death.

Mrs. J. L. Gilliam and children and Mrs. A. W. Gilliam are visiting relatives in Ashford.

There will be an ice cream supper at Belfont school house next Saturday night. Everybody invited.

#### BETHLEHEM.

Bethlehem, July 27.—Mrs. Fannie Hogan and two daughters and Miss Beatrice Goforth of Clifton, S. C., arrived here two weeks ago to spend a month in the mountains.

School opened last Monday with the same teacher as last year, Miss Mamie Goforth, of Dysartsville. Forty-seven pupils were enrolled the past week, and more are expected to enter soon. We are expecting a successful term.

Miss Annie Gibson, who is teaching at Graphiteville, spent the week-end here with her parents.