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Among the Schools.

Armstrong school has made a decided increase in its enrollment this year. Last year the attendance ranged from sixteen to twenty and over forty are in attendance this year. The teacher, Will Landis, of Dysartsville, is working toward enrolling every child on the census roll. All are in school now except five. The teacher and committeemen have planned improvements to be made on the school house and grounds. At present the school is handicapped by lack of sufficient play grounds. It is hoped that the public spirited citizens of the community will soon be able to provide the land needed for this purpose.

Misses Pearl Williams and Mary Greenlee report an enrollment of seventy-one in the Sugar Hill school this year. Teachers and pupils seem interested in improving the appearance of the school room and grounds. Shades and curtains have been purchased, flowers and ferns have been placed in the rooms and some work done on the grounds. There will be an ice cream supper at the school house next Saturday night to raise funds to help with these improvements.

Last Saturday a number of the pupils and patrons met with the teachers of the Glenwood school and the day was spent in profitable work on the school yard. Supt. M. S. Giles and Mr. D. E. Hudgins of Marion were present and both made talks in the forenoon. At 12 o'clock a bountiful lunch was served by the ladies. After the work had been completed a number of games were enjoyed by the children.

Nebo High School.

Nebo High School will open Wednesday, August 26, with Geo. H. Weaver as principal. A strong corps of teachers has been selected this year and the dining room will be managed by an experienced person capable of looking after the health of the girls.

State Collaborator Visits Clubs.

Miss Margaret Kerr Scott, State Collaborator of the North Carolina Tomato Clubs, came up from Raleigh Wednesday on her annual visitation to the clubs of this county. She spent Thursday at Greenlee demonstrating the work with the girls of that school.

The County Fair.

We wish to call attention to the Educational department of the premium list of the McDowell County Fair which has just been issued. Each school has an equal chance at the cash prizes which are offered this year. By beginning early we expect some good exhibits. The premium list follows:

A—AGRICULTURAL.

Corn Club Special, \$5.00.

Twelve stalks of corn grown by one boy, \$1.00.

Twelve ears of corn grown by one boy, \$1.00.

Best paper on "Why every boy should be a member of the Boys' Corn Club," 50c.

Best and largest collection of weeds, each specimen showing seed pod pressed and mounted, giving method of exter-

minating each, \$1.00.

Collection of insects injurious to North Carolina farm products, named and arranged, \$1.00.

County grains and grasses, named and arranged, \$1.00.

First collection of McDowell County woods, \$3; second, \$1.

Best model hen house \$2.

Best collection of leaves of McDowell County trees, pressed, giving description of each, \$1.

Best description native birds, \$1.

B—SEWING

House dress, wash goods, by girl under 19 years, \$1.

Kitchen apron, 50c.

Child's wash dress by girl under 15, \$1.

Hand-made, fancy white apron, \$1.

Tailored shirtwaist, 50c.

Pieced quilt block by girl under 11, 50c.

Hemmed tea towel made of flower sack, 50c.

Darning on cotton stockings by girl under 19, 50c.

Best patching of a garment by girl under 15, 50c; by girl under 19, 50c.

C—COOKING

Best loaf of wheat bread by girl under 19, 50c; by girl under 15, 50c.

Best half pound of butter, 50c.

Best cake, \$1.

Best cookies (dozen) 50c.

Best menu for dinner for three, \$1.

Best display of canned goods, \$2.

Largest variety of canned goods made from tomatoes, \$3.

D—ACADEMIC WORK

Composition, \$1.

Drawing (three pictures) \$1.

Best copy, 50c.

Original poem, 50c.

School song, 50c.

Paper cutting, 50c.

Grand prize for school having best exhibit, \$3.

Grand prize for school bringing largest number of pupils to join parade, \$2.

Children's Party.

Mrs. J. E. Guy gave a very enjoyable party last Thursday afternoon between the hours of four and six for her grand children, Albert and Walker Blanton and Guy and John Daniel. Games and stories furnished the amusements of the afternoon. At six o'clock refreshments were served in the dining room, which was decorated with roses. Mrs. Long, Mrs. Daniel, and Miss Barnard assisted Mrs. Guy in entertaining the little people. Among those present were: James Robert Covington, Edwin and Carter Hudgins, Edwin Pless, Edwin Story, Albert, Barksdale and Dabney Penick, William Neal, Jack Ambler and William Covington.

Baraca Class Entertains.

On Tuesday evening of last week the members of the Baraca Class of the Methodist church entertained the Philathea Class and the officers of the Sunday School at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Hudgins. The large porch was lighted with Japanese lanterns, which added much to the attractiveness of the place. A number of games were played after which the guests enjoyed the delightful music rendered by Misses Decker, Blanton and Phifer. The singing of Miss Phifer was especially enjoyed. Miss Gladys Goodson presided at the punch bowl. Misses Mary Hudgins and Mary Douglas Gay assisted Mrs. Hudgins and Mrs. Blanton in serving the ices.

They are raising lambs in Watauga county. Tillman Adams reports to the Boone Democrat that he has raised six lambs from two ewes this season and has sold the lambs for \$34.06, and W. S. Shipley tells the Democrat that he has shipped 5,200 lambs to the Northern markets and will ship ten more car loads by the middle of August. Lambs are bringing about \$5 per head.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

WHITE PINE

White Pine, Aug. 7.—The school here is progressing nicely with Miss Rosa Houk as teacher, and with the interest and enthusiasm manifested on the part of both teacher and pupils it is possible to prophecy an unusually good year for this school. The girls have organized a Home Life Club which is proving successful. Curtains have already been made and pictures placed in the school room, which makes it more home-like and pleasant for the children. The boys have organized a "Clean-up Club" and are working very hard to have a beautiful appearance for White Pine school. Following is the honor roll for the first two weeks: Luther Flinn, John Lee Harris, Annie Sue Harris, Frank and George Harris, Gorman Ledbetter, Floy and Pearl Williams, Annie Sue Wilson, Clifford Wilson, Cora Lee and Marion Wilkerson.

Misses Rosa Houk and Annie Sue Harris spent Saturday and Sunday at Sugar Hill.

Millard Harris and little son, Worth, made a business trip to Forest City last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Harris of Marion are visiting relatives here.

Roland Harris and his mother of near Spartanburg visited friends here during the week.

A very successful meeting at the Baptist church here closed last Sunday.

A very interesting Sunday school is being conducted at White Pine school house with Mr. Hemphill as superintendent.

WOODLAWN

Woodlawn, Aug. 11.—One of the best schools of its kind in the county is now in session at this place, being taught by two of McDowell's most efficient teachers, Misses Louise Brown and Ethel Wilson. The attendance is large and regular. On last Friday a Literary Society was organized with officers as follows: President, Robert Hensley, jr.; vice-president, Essie Huskins; secretary, Daisy Good; marshal, Beatrice Corpening; critic, Rachel Green; chaplain, Andie Brown; yell master, Luther Hensley. It was voted that the society be called the Union Literary Society. A boys corn club and girls sewing club is in view of organization.

James Goforth is visiting relatives and homefolks at Dysartsville.

Miss Mary Green left here one day last week for Globe, where she will teach.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ollis, of Plum tree, are here visiting relatives.

Misses Louise Brown and Ethel Wilson spent Sunday with homefolks at Ashford.

The pews were put in the new Presbyterian church at Sevier, yesterday. It will be ready for use by next week.

SCHOOL KID.

BRIDGEWATER.

Bridgewater, Aug. 11.—Miss Nettie Hemphill and little niece, Zelma Geer, spent Monday in Morganton.

Mrs. C. Gibbs and children of Knoxville, Tenn., are here visiting relatives.

W. Lyerly, R. A. Abernethy and B. Martin were in Morganton Wednesday on business.

Mrs. E. E. Geer and children of Shelby are here visiting Mrs. Geer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hemphill.

Mrs. J. H. Tate has returned to her home in Marion after spending some time here with relatives.

Miss Nettie Hemphill was shopping in Marion Friday.

S. M. Gibson has moved his family to Winston-Salem where he is engaged in bridgework.

Messrs. R. D. and Will Schoonwaker of New York City were the guests of Misses Sadie Seals and Nora Ballew last week.

Mrs. W. Lyerly of Hickory is here visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. R. A. Abernethy.

Mrs. Ben Martin and children have returned home after spending some time in Marion.

Miss Lillian Hunter spent the week-

end in Morganton with her cousins, the Misses Tate.

W. W. Giles of Glen Alpine was in Bridgewater Sunday.

Bob Seals made a business trip to Morganton Monday.

Gordon Rust of Whitney is here visiting homefolks.

Mrs. George P. Coulter spent one day last week in Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Tate attended the protracted meeting at Harmony Grove Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Rowe of Glen Alpine spent Saturday here with Mr. Rowe's mother.

John Murphy has returned home from Elkhorn, Ky., where he has been seriously ill in a hospital.

Mr. Taylor of Elizabethton, Tenn., spent Sunday here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hemphill.

Bill and Joe.

ARMSTRONG.

Armstrong, Aug. 10.—The school has been in session for three weeks. We now have an enrollment of forty-two. Everyone seems greatly pleased with the school.

Messrs. G. C. Byrd and Will Landis made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

Mr. J. C. Harris recently moved down near the school in order to keep his children in regular attendance at school.

Mrs. S. W. Conley, who has been very ill for the past week is slowly improving.

Mr. C. C. Byrd and family have been visiting at Woodlawn for the past week.

The Sunday school people are getting up a choir to sing in the Convention which convenes at Halltown the last of August.

Miss Lula Hall and Mr. Jay Elliott were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Hall this week. A large crowd of friends witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by Mr. D. C. Wheeler.

SUGAR HILL.

Sugar Hill, Aug. 10.—Among the visitors at Sugar Hill for the past week have been Roland Morris, Neal Morris of Garden City, Miss Fay Padgett of Nebo, Mrs. John Hogan of Marion, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hogan of Pelzer, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Rabb spent last week with Mr. J. C. Crawford.

Mr. Thomas Morris and little son, Glenn, spent Sunday here with relatives.

James Bright who has had typhoid is very much better.

At the school building next Saturday night, August 15, will be an ice cream supper. The profit will be used to make the building more neat and home-like and to finish the well which is being dug. Everybody come.

Miss Louise Crawford was at home to a number of her friends last Saturday night. The evening was indeed a most enjoyable one. The guests were: Misses Bertha Morris, Annie Wilson, Pearl Williams, Mary Greenlee, Rosa Houk, Faye Padgett; Messrs. Will Wilson, Claud Wilson and George Crawford.

STROUDTOWN.

Stroudtown, Aug. 10.—On last Sunday J. W. Horton killed a rattlesnake in the road about 80 feet from the house. It measured 3 feet and 2 inches and had 4 rattlers and a button.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Elliott and family of Garden City visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Hallie Tate of Greenlee spent Sunday here.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Elliott, August 7, a daughter.

Mrs. Chas. Poteet of Cannon spent Sunday here.

Mrs. McDuffie of Durham is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Stein, for a month.

Mrs. J. B. Norton of Morganton was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. M. F. Elliott, Sunday.

Miss Ollie Poteet has gone to Lenoir to spend a few months. Honeysuckle.

HANKINS.

Hankins, Aug. 10.—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cannon and children of Johnson City, Tenn., are visiting relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Ben Martin and children of Bridgewater, returned home Sunday, after spending several weeks here with

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Experts Discuss Practical Subjects at Marion—Interesting Women's Institute Also Held.

Quite a number of our farmers attended the Institute which was held in Marion Friday, August 7. A. L. French, James P. Kerr and H. C. Young were in charge of the meeting.

In the morning Mr. French discussed farm management at length, emphasizing the importance of the clearing up of lands and the advantages of the long row and the blind ditch. He encouraged the farmers to keep their boys on the farm by making country life interesting and attractive for them.

Mr. Kerr then gave a very instructive talk on soil building.

In the afternoon session Mr. Young lectured on "Plant Diseases and Insects", giving the farmers information that is much needed, for as a rule our orchards are neglected more or less on account of the lack of such knowledge.

Mr. Kerr spoke again on the subject which is attracting so much attention all over North Carolina today—"Poultry."

Mr. French talked a few minutes about "Better Live Stock."

The Institute was a success and the farmers demonstrated their interest by taking part in the round table discussions.

The women's institute was better attended this year than usual although it wasn't what one would expect in the progressive county of McDowell.

Mrs. Hollowell addressed the ladies in the morning explaining the purpose of the institute and giving a general talk on sanitation. Then Miss Paris, who is the domestic science teacher in Oxford college, gave a demonstration in bread making.

At the afternoon session Miss Paris demonstrated the making of mayonnaise dressing, which was eaten by the ladies later in the afternoon. Mrs. Hollowell then talked on "The Care of the Infant."

A round table discussion proved both profitable and enjoyable. The ladies discussed how to get water-works into the house, screening against flies, etc.

Mrs. York of Greenlee who took the prize on bread making told how she made her bread.

Miss Rena Jameson of Garden City took the prize offered for the best loaf of corn bread.

A community club was organized with Mrs. York of Greenlee as president.

Some of the out-of-town ladies present were Mrs. John Pool and Miss Pool of Stroudtown, Mrs. Haney and Miss Haney of Nealsville, Mrs. York of Greenlee, Mrs. Harris of —, Mrs. Conley of Carlyle.

her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Barnes of Sevier spent Sunday afternoon here.

Mrs. W. McNeely and Miss Annie Barnes, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. W. Morgan.

Mrs. Vance Halford and little sons of Montfords Cove are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Geo. Gordon, of Johnson City, Tenn., returned home Sunday after spending several days here with relatives.

The County Singing Convention will take place at Halltown church August 21, 22 and 23.

Joe Mathis killed a rattlesnake near here one day last week that measured five feet and seven inches.

Percy Barnes of Marion was a visitor here Sunday. Doo Little.