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Teachers' Meeting.

On account of the rain, the Teachers' meeting held at the graded school building last Saturday was very poorly attended. Only about twenty-five teachers were present. Prof. E. E. Balcomb, of the State Normal College, delivered a very interesting address on "What to Do Next." Prof. Balcomb will have a special class in Agriculture at each meeting. Mr. I. C. Griffin spoke of the best methods of teaching Geography during the war in Europe and Miss Maud Harris discussed "Phonics—why a failure with some teachers." Mrs. Pescud Craig, Misses Lurline Hicks, Pearl Williams, Cora Lou Butt and Eva Keeter were asked to prepare the program for the next meeting which is scheduled for November 7. All teachers who are teaching or intend to teach Agriculture should be present on that day for Mr. Balcomb's instruction.

To Observe Patrons' Day.

While in session last Monday, the County Board of Education ordered that the 20th day of November be observed by all teachers as Patrons' Day. This can be made one of the most interesting and enthusiastic days of the school year. Notice will be made in The Progress of the schools that make a success of this work.

Corn Club Parade.

All members of the Boys' Corn Club for last year and this year are requested to dress as typical farmers and join the horse-back Corn Club parade at the fair this year. Arrange for your horses at home as it will be hard to get them in Marion. We want a large number in the parade October 23. Don't forget the date.

A third room is being built at the cotton mill school this week.

Fair Marshals Appointed.

James H. Hemphill has been re-appointed chief marshal for the McDowell County Fair. Other marshals appointed are as follows: Grady Gilbert, Hoyt Curtis, J. N. Nesbitt, F. M. Bradley, Marion Good, G. W. Conley, I. H. Greene, Wade Hennessee, Vance Wilson, Delia Patton, W. J. Bowman, Ed. Bailey, W. F. Brown, P. H. Mashburn, Frank A. Keefe, Murray Tate, Garland Williams, B. C. Miller, Mac Lonon, Charles McCall, Roland Morris, Ernest Crawford, Charles Laughridge, Pedro Lonon, Kenneth Weaver, Roby Conley, Von Ray, Robert Hennessee, J. C. Connelly, James Goforth, Will Laughridge, Clyde Satterwhite, Clyde Duval, Ernest Satterwhite, William Wilson, Ben Horton, Alonzo Davis, Jesse Corpening, Roy Kanipe, Joe Burgin, J. W. Winborne, W. K. M. Gilkey, T. L. Upton.

Services at St. John's church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m. Week day services Wednesday night at 7:30

Attend the W. N. C. Fair Oct. 13 to 16. Excursion train from Asheville Oct. 15.

Twentieth Century Club Meets.

On last Friday afternoon the first meeting of the Twentieth Century Club for the year 1914-1915 was held at the home of Mrs. P. A. Reid. Eighteen members responded to roll call with current events of interest. The regular program followed with England for the subject. The first paper on "Earliest History of England", by Mrs. P. A. Reid, was a review of the first known history of this great nation—how step by step it had fought its way out of darkness and warfare with early savage races. Miss Joyce Decker gave a very interesting account of the Norman Conquest—the important part of English history that is covered by that period. Mrs. Pless read from "The Idylls of the King" the beauties of knighthood—the valor, the chivalry, the high esteem and noble ideas of these ancient knights whose spurs were buckled on with much ceremony as they went out to battle. Mrs. Burton gave an excellent reading on Chaucer, the father of all English literature.

After a few moments discussion of the topics of the afternoon, a dainty tea was served at small tables.

Programs made out for the entire year were given each member showing just when and on what subject each one is to serve, giving plenty of time for study and thoughtful preparation of the subject assigned. The next meeting will be on October 16 at the home of Mrs. R. F. Burton at 3:30 p. m. with England as the subject.

Halliburton-Cooper Marriage.

A quiet wedding was solemnized last Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at the Presbyterian manse when Mrs. Camille Cooper, widow of the late W. W. Cooper, and Mr. T. J. Halliburton were united in marriage, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. C. Story in the presence of a few intimate friends. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left in an auto for Salisbury where they spent a few days with relatives. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hopper. The announcement of the marriage came as a distinct surprise to the many friends of the bride and groom.

The bride is a daughter of Prof. and Mrs. S. F. E. Gruber of this place and Mr. Halliburton is a son of Mrs. W. B. Mitchell. Both are quite popular with a large circle of friends who wish for them a long and happy wedded life.

The Toe River Fair.

The Toe River Fair, comprising the counties of Mitchell, Avery and Yancey, will be held at Spruce Pine, on the Clinchfield route, on October 7, 8 and 9. The managers of the fair have secured some of the most eminent speakers and entertainers in the south, among whom are Judge J. C. Pritchard, Governor Locke Craig and others. The second day will be devoted to live stock and dairy productions and the third day will be educational day. The C. C. & O. railway announces reduced rates on all trains, the round trip fare from Marion is only \$1.00.

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BATTLE MORE VIOLENT

Allies Gain a Little and Germans Do Likewise—Russians Claim Advantages.

That the battle between the allies and the Germans to the north of the river Oise is growing more and more violent is the only statement that has been permitted to winnow through the sieve of official secrecy concerning the conditions prevailing on that part of the battle line in France upon which the eyes of the world are focused. The report of the French war office makes no mention of whether progress is being made by either side in this zone where for days the armies have been battling desperately.

The statement is made that the allies have gained a little ground on the northern heights of the Meuse. On the center of the battle line comparatively calm prevails.

Both Germany and Russia continue to report successes in East Prussia and Galicia, thus leaving the situation in these spheres of warfare in doubt.

The French, as an off-set to previous similar action on the part of the Austrians, have placed mines in the Adriatic in a zone which comprises "all Austrian water and the channels between the island and the coasts of Dalmatia."

Mr. Price Elected Moderator.

At the seventy-fourth annual session of the Green River Baptist Association which was held at Pleasant Hill church, five miles west of Rutherfordton, October 1st to 4th, Mr. B. B. Price of this place was elected moderator of the association for the ensuing year, and Rev. J. W. P. Hill, of Nealsville, was elected secretary. The selection of Mr. Price as moderator is a distinct honor in that only twice in the history of the association has a layman been elected to fill this place.

The association will meet next year at Chapel Hill Baptist church, near Marion. The body consists of 48 churches in McDowell, Polk and Rutherford counties, with a membership of over 5,000.

Special Train to Asheville Oct. 15.

For the convenience of the people of Marion and vicinity, the Western North Carolina Fair Association has arranged for a special train to leave Asheville on October 15 at 12:35 p. m., and carry passengers for stations between Asheville and Marion. The program for the day will be so arranged that patrons of the fair will have an opportunity to remain on the fair grounds throughout both the day and night shows, including the magnificent spectacular fireworks display and free acts, without being obliged to remain away from home over night. The special train is due to arrive at Marion at 12:25 a. m. The admission to the fair will be only 25c; children six to twelve years of age, 15c.

A man always wants to go to a party when he hears a woman say she hasn't got "a thing to wear."

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Commissioners Meet—Jury List.

The board of county commissioners met in regular monthly session Monday. Very few matters, other than the usual routine, were presented for the consideration of the board. Settlement was made with Sheriff Laughridge for the tax list for 1913 and the tax books for 1914 were placed with him for collection. On petition of citizens of special school district No. 2, Crooked Creek township, the board ordered that an election be held at Belfont November 21, for the purpose of voting on the special school tax matter. W. G. Noblett was named registrar of the election and C. P. Lytle and W. S. Parker judges.

At the afternoon session of the commissioners, jurors were drawn for the special term of McDowell Superior court which convenes November 30, as follows:

First week—R. J. Lonen, Geo. L. Stroud, G. W. Thomason, M. C. Morgan, J. Z. Page, G. E. Mace, C. C. Barrs, J. L. Nichols, Alex Silver, A. L. Gilkey, C. H. McCurry, Geo. Hyams, David Anderson, A. B. Davis, M. R. Gilliam, Mills Hendley, J. L. Steppe, J. M. Grayson.

Second week—A. C. Kanipe, J. H. Keller, Wm. Wilkerson, P. C. Hoppis, A. C. Price, T. L. Marlow, W. L. Bradley, W. H. Morris, T. L. Tate, J. R. Denton, J. W. Biggerstaff, James Bright, J. A. Gallion, F. S. Price, T. W. Pendergrass, J. H. Vess, J. M. Cuthbertson, R. W. Lancaster.

McDowell-Rutherford Club Organized.

Special to Marion Progress.

Chapel Hill, Oct. 5.—Following the movement of the organization of county clubs in the University, the representatives of McDowell and Rutherford counties have fused and organized a McDowell-Rutherford Club. J. W. Pless of Marion was made president; Grover C. Dalton, of Gilkey, vice-president; Chas. Z. Flack, of Forest City, secretary, and Karl B. Crawford, of Marion, treasurer.

The work of these clubs has been made much more significant since the addition of the Chair of Rural Economics and Sociology by Professor E. C. Branson. Professor Branson is depending almost entirely upon the men of the county organizations for the success of this movement. The University of North Carolina is the pioneer in this movement, it being the first University in the United States to undertake a project of this nature: "Get first, knowledge of your own county," is Professor Branson's idea, and "know your county," his slogan. Some of the investigations that will be made are concerning rural credits, proportional population of white and blacks, taxes, schools, Sunday school enrollment and attendance, and other matters and problems vital to the county and state.

Dr. A. M. Dula will be the Progressive-Republican candidate for the Legislature from Burke county instead of Mr. S. Huffman who was nominated at the convention.

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STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

H. E. Nissen is the new paid chief of the Winston-Salem fire department. Large crowds attended the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the A. & M. College.

The Senior class at Wake Forest has joined the buy-a-bale movement. Citizens of Columbus are trying to establish a county farm.

J. A. Ebbs, aged 54, for 25 years employed at the Southern yards at Asheville, met death under the wheels of a Pullman recently.

Ninety-five per cent of the 1,000 school children of Hickory under 15 years of age are in school.

The chief free attraction of the State Fair this year will be DeLoyd Thompson, who will loop-the-loop in an air ship.

About 275 bales of cotton were burned on the cotton platform at Reasford recently.

The main building of the Winyah Sanatorium, the handsome structure at Asheville, used by Dr. Karl von Ruck as a hospital for the treatment of tubercular patients, was practically destroyed by fire one morning recently with a loss of between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

"Buck" King of Trent township, Lenoir county, brought to Kinston a tobacco leaf, of fair grade, which measures 24 inches wide and is three full feet in length.

Thousands of people attended the Home Coming at Concord.

Governor Craig went to Chase City, Va., and delivered an address at the opening of the Mecklenburg County (Va.) Fair.

The United States Marine hospital will not be removed from Wilmington as was feared.

The repair work on the busts of Graham, Johnson and Ransom in the capitol building has been completed.

Raleigh's splendid new city market was formally thrown open to the public a few days ago with special ceremonies.

Educational exhibits at the coming State Fair will be a special feature and will surpass any heretofore made.

North Carolina receives from the Federal Treasury Department \$455,350 of the crop moving money.

Among the 3,000 people who listened to W. J. Bryan at Asheville was Mrs. Josephine Nixon who was his school teacher when he was 14 years of age.

Wilmington has a total of 497 automobiles in actual operation according to State Secretary Lacy.

Citizens of North Buncombe recently gave a picnic dinner to the convicts working on the road in that section.

The new Federal building at Hendersonville will be completed about the first of the year.

Mr. Sol. Well of the firm of H. Well & Bros., Goldsboro, died recently while in Sabyna, N. H.

The church building of Holmes Memorial Methodist congregation at Salisbury has been condemned.

Among the several commercial attaches appointed by Secretary Redfield is E. W. Thompson of Charlotte, who goes to Berlin. The position pays \$5,000.

Southern Railway officials have asked the corporation commission for the privilege to take off sections of trains Nos. 37 and 38, also a train on the Danville division.

Police Justice McConnell of Concord is fining each offender charged with drunkenness \$30.

Huckleberries in Duplin county netted the farmers nearly \$250,000 this season.

Richard L. Chandler, aged 67, was instantly killed and two others, all of Winston-Salem, were injured when a 15-foot scaffold on which they were working fell.

A great crowd attended the annual fall meeting of the Iredell Shagging Association at Statesville recently.

Freeman, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Morris, of Lumberton, was burned to death a few days ago.

Rev. Henry T. Ellinwood, aged 46, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Hamlet, died of heart failure a few days ago.

With peanuts selling for \$1 a bushel, the people of Halifax county will not experience the dire calamity some of the more panic-stricken population predict.