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A TRIP TO CHARLOTTE

Miss Nelle Gibbs of Garden City School Gives An Account of the Sewing Demonstration.

Quite unexpectedly Miss Edna Young and I were chosen to take the complimentary trip to Charlotte for doing the best sewing at Garden City school. On Wednesday, November 25th, we went to Greenlee, where we were joined by Misses Texie Buchanan and Rebecca Greenlee, who also were given a free trip for being the best sewers from their school at Greenlee. With our teacher, Miss McKoy, we boarded the train and went to Marion, and after spending three hours in Marion went to Marion Junction and took the C. C. & O. train for Bostic. We changed at Bostic to the Seaboard train which took us on to Charlotte.

We passed through many pretty little towns, and reached Charlotte about 8 o'clock. Miss Barnard and four Boy Scouts met us with an automobile and took us to the Y. W. C. A., where we were received by Misses Martin and Wilson, matrons of the Y. W. C. A. At 8:30 Thursday morning Miss Barnard came and took us to the First Baptist church. We were to do our sewing in the basement of this church.

It was a very busy place. On one side of the room was an exhibit from Pleasant Valley and Jamestown Country Life High Schools, of Guilford County. The girls were sewing and cooking. The boys were testing milk and seed corn. On the other side of the room the girls of Alamance and Sampson counties were cooking. They, like the girls from McDowell County, were from three teacher country schools. Opposite these the McDowell and Johnston County girls did their sewing. Our machines and all sewing materials were furnished by the people of Charlotte. Mrs. C. C. Hook, whom we all met and liked, arranged all this for us.

At 12 o'clock the girls of Alamance and Sampson Counties served us with a five-course meal. It was so nice and we liked their work so much that we hope we can have it, as well as sewing, in our schools. We had about an hour for recreation and then resumed our work.

A great number of people came to observe our work and every one seemed to be interested in what we were doing. We met Dr. J. Y. Joyner, Mr. Noble, Mr. Judd, Mr. Brogdon, Miss Graham and a number of the leading teachers together with the Supervisors in the other five counties.

When we had finished our work for that day we took a street car and went to Myers' Park. After supper we went to the moving picture shows.

Friday morning we went back to the church and sewed until 3 o'clock. We sent some of the aprons we had made to Mrs. Joyner, Miss Graham, Mrs. Hook, Mrs. Harris and Miss Royster.

That afternoon Prof. Giles took us over Charlotte in an automobile. We went by Elizabeth, Queen's and Horner Colleges. We passed by many fields of cotton and gathered some to bring home as it was

the first we had seen growing. Mecklenburg roads are far superior to ours and we enjoyed driving over them.

On Saturday morning we arose early and started home about 9 o'clock. Our trip was a pleasant one and we would like to repeat it.

NELLE GIBBS.

Disregard for Canal Zone Laws.

Panama.—Col. George W. Goethals, governor of the Panama Canal zone, announced that his request that two swift American torpedo boat destroyers be stationed at the entrances of the canal was prompted by recent activity of warships and colliers of the belligerent European nations in the vicinity of the waterway.

The action of the Australian collier Mallina in leaving Balboa without clearance papers and the fact that other colliers have shown a disposition of disregard canal zone shipping laws convinced Colonel Goethals that decisive measures should be taken to preserve the neutrality of the canal.

Nearly all the colliers in canal waters arrived without health certificates and in several instances sailed without clearance papers. It is presumed the steamers met and coaled the Australian and English fleet which concentrated recently in the vicinity of the Peral Islands, which lie 60 miles southeast of Panama City.

The torpedo boat destroyers requested by the governor are expected to do patrol duty and overhaul belligerent craft attempting to disregard the canal regulations.

Alleged violations of the Canal shipping laws are said to have been the subject of complaint to Sir Claude C. Mallett, British minister to Panama and also having resulted in orders the fortifications prevent unneutral colliers remaining in ports on the zone in disregard of the orders of canal authorities.

In the case of the collier Mallina it is stated that she arrived without clearance papers or a health certificate and with no coal or supplies. She attempted to buy \$30,000 worth of supplies, consisting largely of articles intended for Christmas dinner for a large force. She was refused the supplies and was ordered to depart because she refused to state her destination, as required by the Canal Zone laws. The collier Protesilau is pointed to as a similar case.

It is stated that there has been much wireless interference in canal waters on the part of eight colliers which were recently in the vicinity of the canal and also by large warships fleets, reported to be within 25 miles of both ends of the canal.

CONGRESS PUSHES WORK.

No Extra Session for Next Summer Is Spur.

Washington.—Congress continues work of the winter session determined to complete its tasks March 4 so that no extra session will be necessary next summer.

Democratic leaders of both houses agree with President Wilson that the country should have a rest from national legislation. Right of way will be given appropriation bills with conservation measures, the Philippine bill and the government's purchase bill following.

While no special investigation of military preparedness seems in prospect, much attention will center about investigations before regular house committees. The naval committee will resume consideration of the appropriation bill at once with Secretary Daniels again on the stand.

The immigration bill, with its literacy test for aliens will again be under debate in the senate while that body waits for the appropriation bills to come from the house. Its supporters insist that it will be passed although it was not included in the President's outline of legislation.

Conservation measures—the water-power site and the mineral leasing bills probably will be reported from the senate committee on public lands early in January.

The 1914 crop of sweet potatoes in North Carolina represented a production of 8,000,000 bushels—a production unequalled by any other State in the Union.

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN

Maud Barnard, Editor.

Entertainment at East Marion.

Last Tuesday evening Misses Stacy and Lonon gave an entertainment at East Marion school to raise money for a supplementary library. Without taking any time or going to very much expense over fifteen dollars was realized. Most of the patrons of the school were present and a thoroughly good time was enjoyed by all.

Close of Catawba Falls School.

The school at Catawba Falls closed last Saturday with a very interesting program given by the children. The prizes offered in spelling, deportment, neatness, etc., were won by George and Lizzie Lindley and Ella Moore. A number of the fathers and mothers were present, who took special interest in the demonstration work of the primary grades and the spelling match which closed the exercises. George Lindley won the gold dollar in the match.

Miss Graham has been very successful with this school. Her energy and enthusiasm have won many friends and kept up pride and interest in the school work. She has accepted a position to teach in "The Good Shepherd School" in Burke county after Christmas.

Nebo High School will close for the Christmas holidays Wednesday, December 23. An entertainment will be given by the High School students on Wednesday night, the proceeds to go for the benefit of the school. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

On Tuesday night, December 22, there will be a Christmas tree and entertainment at Chapel Hill school house. All are cordially invited to attend.

There will be an entertainment by the Glenwood school at Glenwood Wednesday night, December 23, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. A pleasing program consisting of songs and recitation will be rendered with a play, "From Pumpkin Ridge." At the close of the program a box supper will be given, the proceeds of which will go for the benefit of the school.

Harmony Grove School.

On the night of the 24th Harmony Grove school will give an entertainment and have a Christmas tree. The admission will be 10c, the proceeds to go to finish paying the debt on the new organ bought a few days ago.

The school is progressing nicely. "Community Service Day" was observed Tuesday, the 8th, and we were very proud indeed to have so many of the parents out. We had a up-to-date picnic dinner which was much enjoyed by all present. Enough wood for the winter was put in and much yard cleaning done. We feel that the people of the community are interested in this good work.

A FRIEND.

A dispatch from Washington yesterday says warships will be sent to Canal zone to enforce neutrality laws. Three regiments of infantry and three batteries of artillery were ordered to Naco.

WILL BE MARKEDLY CAREFUL

General Impression Is That Incoming Legislature Will Steer Clear of Radical Measures.

Raleigh.—The state departments and people of Raleigh are getting ready for the convening of the legislature on January 6, and candidates for office in the gift of the legislature in perfecting its organization for the 60 days of work ahead of it are getting active in all parts of the state. O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, is the only candidate out for president pro tem of the senate. R. O. Self is without opposition thus far in seeking reelection to the chief clerkship of the senate.

A three-cornered contest is on for the speakership of the house, with T. C. Bowie of Ashe, E. R. Wooten of Lenoir and L. H. Allred of Johnston, seeking this position and A. A. F. Seawell mentioned as a possible additional candidate. The western section of the state is claiming the speakership for Mr. Bowie on the ground that it is the West's time as George W. Connor of Wilson was the Speaker two years ago and Walter Murphy of Salisbury merely filled out his term in presiding as Speaker for the special session.

T. G. Cobb of Morganton is seeking reelection as chief clerk of the House and J. D. Berry of Raleigh is as yet the only avowed candidate for reading clerk of the House. J. H. Moring of Wake is so far without opposition for reelection as sergeant-at-arms of the House. D. Gastor of Fayetteville is seeking the place of sergeant-at-arms in the senate.

The organization of the Legislature as to the filling of all these places will be settled in a caucus of the Democratic members of each branch of the Assembly on the night of January 5.

There is a very general impression entertained by state officials and citizens generally that the incoming legislature will be markedly conservative in comparison with Legislatures that have gathered here for several sessions past, the general impression being that the dominant forces of the General Assembly will steer clear of what may be termed radical legislation of any sort.

JOURNAL OFFICES REMODELED.

Winston-Salem Morning Paper Makes Big Improvement.

Winston-Salem.—With the completion of extensive improvements on the offices and composing rooms of the Winston-Salem Journal, that paper now has one of the best newspaper office arrangements to be found in the state and one of the most modern and most sanitary of composing rooms.

The entire first floor of the Journal building on Main street formerly occupied by the business offices, the editorial rooms and the composing room has been converted into offices. The composing room, formerly located in cramped quarters in the rear end of this room, has been moved into the basement.

Good Farming in Lenoir.

Kinston.—W. C. Boone, an expert of the United States department of agriculture stationed here, will endeavor to have corn replace cotton on a fair per cent of the acreage of Lenoir county farms next year. Boone is enlisting every available farmer in the Boys' Corn Club. He has also started a movement for increased production of legumes and various truck crops.

As an example in diversifying, J. F. Turnage, a Hugo farmer, this year made \$2,000 worth of tobacco, 3,000 pounds of cotton, a good quantity of corn, 75 bushels of sweet potatoes and enough garden stuff for his own use on 55 acres.

Overcome by Gas.

Elizabeth City.—Ardlett Turner, 12-year-old son of ex-Judge R. W. Turner was overcome by gas, fell into the bath tub and drowned at the residence of his parents on Church street. A companion, Leslie Spence, 10-year-old son of E. R. Spence, was also overcome by gas, but escaped drowning by falling on top of the Turner boy. The boys were alone in the bath room when the accident occurred. The cook detected gas and investigated. She found the Turner child lying in the bath tub, submerged in water.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

ASHFORD.

Ashford, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Julia Brown has been very sick for the past week. We hope she will soon recover.

Miss Myrtle Brown, who has been attending school at Asheville, is home till after the holidays.

J. C. Connelly made a business trip to Avery last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lonon attended the burial of Mrs. Bowman at Bakersville last Tuesday.

The joint debate between Ashford school and North Cove school took place Friday night at the latter's school house.

Quite a crowd assembled to hear the boys in their first debate. The question was "Woman Suffrage." The affirmative was upheld by Ashford. The speakers acquitted themselves remarkably well. The negative won the decision. Each school was to furnish one judge and the third judge was to come from outside the district, but by some reason the third man failed to come and rather than disappoint the crowd who had gathered to hear the discussion a third judge was selected from the North Cove district. The judges were Clyde Rabb and Wm. McCall of North Cove and S. M. McCall of Ashford.

Sam McCall visited Sam Brown Sunday.

Misses Myrtle McGee and Laura Lonon attended the debate at Pitts Friday night.

EVERY.

Avery, N. C., Dec. 14.—Pedro Lonon of Marion and James Hemphill and son, Fred, of Nebo, spent several days last week bird hunting in the Avery vicinity.

Mrs. S. L. Brown is quite ill.

Chas. A. McCall spent Saturday and Sunday at Garden City.

Rom and Seawall Avery spent the week-end at Rutherford College.

Miss Myrtle Brown, who has been in school at Asheville, is home with her mother, who is ill.

"Jimmie" Avery is improving after a long illness.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown of Ashford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Avery last Saturday.

Mrs. Melvin McCall of Ashford visited her mother, Mrs. S. L. Brown, last week.

Miss Delia Gibbs of Hankins spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Avery.

North Cove, Dec. 14.—The rain of the past week did much damage to the public roads and made it impossible for wagons to pass for several days.

C. F. Spencer made a business trip to Marion the first of the week.

Robt. Hennessee was in Marion on business Wednesday.

Mrs. J. C. Rabb was a pleasant visitor at the home of Mrs. C. F. Spencer, Saturday.

William McCall of Marion is visiting homefolks here.

C. F. Spencer is building a new cottage near Pitts siding.

Ashford and North Cove debating teams met in a joint debate at North Cove school house Friday night, Dec. 11. The subject for discussion was "Woman Suffrage." Much interest was manifested by both teams. The arguments of the debaters showed that they had devoted much study to the subject.

North Cove, defending the negative, won the decision.

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Appointments for Marion Circuit.

Rev. J. M. Ridenhour announces the following appointments for Marion circuit:

First Sunday: Carson's Chapel at 11 a. m. Cotton Mill at night.

Second Sunday: Green Mountain at 11 a. m. Capernaum at 3 p. m.

Third Sunday: Carson's Chapel at 11 a. m. Cotton Mill at night.

Fourth Sunday: Concord at 11 a. m. North Catawba at 3 p. m.