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## EDUCATIONAL COLUMN

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### Normal Courses at High Schools.

Nebo and Marion High Schools will both have six weeks of teacher training this year. The work at Nebo will begin February 22nd. Supt. I. C. Griffin and Miss Barnard will have charge of this work, being assisted by the teachers of the various grades. A number of prominent men will meet with the teachers and give public lectures during the course. Among the number are Prof. N. W. Walker, of Chapel Hill; L. C. Brogden, E. E. Sams and J. D. McVean, of Raleigh.

The work at Marion, which will be similar to that of Nebo, will begin about April 12th.

All teachers expecting to take the work at either place should file their names with the County Superintendent as soon as possible. There will be no charges for tuition.

### Teachers' Meeting Saturday.

Don't forget that the Teachers' meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Marion Graded School from 10:30 to 1:30 next Saturday, January 30. All teachers of the public schools of the county are expected to attend. The program committee has prepared an unusually interesting program. All teachers unable to attend must file excuses with the County Superintendent.

The school at Belfont closed last Friday. Miss Brown, who has been teaching there, passed thru Marion last Saturday enroute to her home at Ashford.

It is understood that McDowell is to have county commencement this spring. The date will probably be decided upon at the next teachers' meeting.

The Glenwood school will close Saturday, January 30th. The exercises will be given Friday and Saturday nights. Mr. B. B. Price of Marion will make an address at 11 o'clock on Saturday, after which a basket dinner will be served.

The Clinchfield school at Marion Junction will have its closing exercises Friday night, January 29.

### Morrow Brothers Quartet Jan. 29.

The Morrow Brothers Quartette will appear at the school auditorium Friday evening, January 29, at 8 o'clock. This is the second number of a series of Lyceum entertainments for the benefit of the school and bids fair to be a very attractive one consisting of ensemble singing, instrumental music, solos, both vocal and instrumental, readings and costume character impersonations.

Cowden, Illinois—The Morrow Brothers Quartette played to the largest and most appreciative audience that has ever greeted any company or speaker at the M. E. Church. Each number was a gem in itself, and drew fourth applause from everyone.

Pleasant Plains, Ill.—I will say of the Morrow Brothers Quartette that their entertainments are of the highest type; none go away dissatisfied, and they are of such a nature that no Christian need fear to attend them.—Rev. W. Calvin Shafer, pastor Presbyterian church.

## Condensed War Dispatches.

A fleet of German war ships attempted to make another raid on the coast of England last Sunday, but they were met by a fleet of English vessels superior in numbers and armament and in the engagement in the North Sea, a German vessel was sunk, 123 of her crew of 885 men being picked up by the other vessels. London reports say two other German vessels were damaged but that the English ships were not injured.

The engagement in the North Sea has revived the confidence of the Allies in the effectiveness of the English navy and they are in better spirits.

The fighting along the battle lines on land have been mainly artillery duels and are of not much decisive importance. England reports the Russians making headway in the eastern war zone.

## Serious Accident.

A serious accident happened early last Thursday morning about two miles west of Old Fort, at camp of the men building the Central Highway. A box of dynamite caps, which is supposed to have fallen on the floor and unconsciously gathered up with other rubbish and thrown in the fire, caused an explosion which blew the stove into fragments, badly wounding J. D. Crippen, member of the Fitzgerald-Crippen Co., and injuring Capt. C. L. King, bookkeeper at the camp. Dr. McIntosh, who dressed the wounds, says Mr. Crippen had his left leg badly lacerated above the knee and otherwise, besides having hands and face burned. He will go to his home in Knoxville, Tenn., for treatment. Capt. King was injured about the head and legs, but is able to walk around.—Old Fort Sentinel.

## County School Children.

McDowell county has 4,897 children between the ages of 6 and 20 years and 2,908 or 59.4 per cent of them attend school, according to a recent census bulletin. The data contained in the report relates to the year 1910 and has only recently been made public. The distribution, by age groups, and the number attending school is as follows:

Of a total of 1,456, between the ages of six and 9, 787 attended school; of a total of 1,706, between the ages of ten and fourteen, 1,364 attended school; of a total of 908, between the ages of fifteen and seventeen, 553 attended school; and of a total of 827, between the ages of eighteen and twenty, 202 attended school.

## Masons Elect Officers.

The grand lodge of Masons, in session in Raleigh last week, elected Frank P. Hobgood, Jr., of Greensboro, grand master to succeed John T. Alderman of Henderson, retired. A. B. Andrews, Jr., of Raleigh was advanced to deputy grand master, Claude L. Pridgen of Kinston to senior grand warden and George S. Norfleet of Winston-Salem, advanced from the appointive office of senior grand deacon to the first elective office of junior grand warden.

Thirteen new lodges were instituted in the State during the year and not a charter was revoked.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

### HANKINS.

Hankins, Jan. 25.—Mrs. J. B. Higgins returned home one day last week after a short visit to relatives in Asheville. John C. Burnett, Frank Barnes and Robert Smith attended court in Marion last week.

H. M. Bigelow, of Praise, Ky., is visiting relatives and friends here. Misses Maggie Byrd, Maggie McNeely and Delia Gibbs spent Saturday and Sunday at Gardin City with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gibbs.

Fred Lentz, Percy Barnes and Miss Lettie Lentz of Marion were visitors here Sunday.

J. D. Pitts has moved his sawmill from North Cove to the McNeely farm near here.

Our Sunday Schools, both Methodist and Baptist, are progressing slowly on account of bad weather. We hope to have better attendance in the near future. Come and bring some one with you.

The county bridge which was recently damaged by a flood has been repaired, the work being completed last week.

Vein Mountain, Jan. 23.—The Vein Mountain school closed last Friday.

Macedonia school joined Sandy Flat in a spelling contest against Vein Mountain school. After spelling one round each Macedonia and Sandy Flat declined to spell the third round from the sixth part of the speller, so the contest closed.

### In Memoriam.

Once again the circle has been broken. This time a devoted wife and loving Christian mother has been called from earth to a higher and more perfect life.

Mrs. Ella Hemphill Crawford was born January 24, 1858, and died January 11, 1915. She gave her heart to God at the age of 19, joined the Montford's Cove Baptist Church, and always lived a beautiful consistent christian life.

In 1877 she was married to J. C. Crawford and spent her happy married life at Sugar Hill. To this union were born eleven children, seven boys and four girls, one of whom—James—preceeded her to the better land eight years ago. She was quiet and unassuming in her ways, but delighted most in lending a helping hand to those who needed her, and was never too tired to visit and minister to the sick. Everybody with whom she came in contact has felt the influence of her gentle, unselfish life and she will live always in the memory of those who knew and loved her.

Her sudden death cast a gloom over the entire community and came as a terrible shock to the large family of children—such a sad home-coming for the nine who were away. Only her husband and youngest son were with her when the commons came, and so gentle was her going that it came "like the shadow of a passing cloud." Truly "God's hand touched her and she slept." She was laid to rest "neath a mound of beautiful flowers in the little church yard near the home she loved so well. "I cannot say and I will not say. That she is dead—she's just away, With a cheery smile and wave of her hand.

She's wandering into an unknown land And left us dreaming—how very fair It needs must be since she lingers there.

"And you, Oh you, who the wildest yearn For the old time step and the glad return Think of her as faring on as dear In the love of there as the love of here, Think of her as the same, I say. She is not dead, she's just away."

A FRIEND.

### Signs of An Early Spring.

Are we to have an early spring? Many signs have been seen thus early in the winter that makes it look that way. Snakes have been seen crawling about in the woods, earth worms found on top of the ground, spiders have made their appearance in residences and the song of the blue bird is heard.—Chatham Record.

## The Home Paper.

Ex-Governor David R. Francis, of Missouri, once said the following of newspapers.

"Each year the local paper gives from \$500 to \$1,000 in free lines to the community in which it is located. No other can or will do this. The editor, in proportion to his means, does more for his town than any ten men, and in fairness he ought to be supported—not because you like him or admire his writings, but because the local paper is the best investment a community can make. It may not be brilliantly edited or crowded with thought, but financially it is of more benefit to the community than the preacher or teacher. Understand me, I do not mean mentally, and yet on moral questions you will find most of the papers on the right side. Today the editors of the local papers do the most for the least money of any people on earth."

### Train Wrecked at Claremont.

Train No. 15, westbound, due here at 8:30 a. m., was wrecked Friday morning at Claremont, two cars overturning and the combination baggage and mail car leaving the track. Several passengers received minor injuries and two of the injured were taken to Hickory hospital for treatment. A broken rail is assigned as the cause.

Mr. J. Q. Gilkey of this place was a passenger on the wrecked train but escaped uninjured.

## FARMER RADFORD ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE

The home is the greatest contribution of women to the world, and the hearthstone is her throne. Our social structure is built around her, and social righteousness is in her charge. Her beautiful life lights the skies of hope and her refinement is the charm of twentieth century civilization. Her graces and her power are the cumulative products of generations of queenly conquest, and her crown of exalted womanhood is jeweled with the wisdom of saintly mothers. She has been a great factor in the glory of our country, and her noble achievements should not be marred or her hallowed influence blighted by the coarser duties of citizenship. American chivalry should never permit her to bear the burdens of defending and maintaining government, but should preserve her unscathed from the allied influences of politics, and protect her from the weighty responsibilities of the sordid affairs of life that will crush her ideals and lower her standards. The motherhood of the farm is our inspiration, she is the guardian of our domestic welfare and a guide to a higher life, but directing the affairs of government is not within woman's sphere, and political gossip would cause her to neglect the home, forget to mend our clothes and burn the biscuits.

## RURAL SOCIAL CENTERS

We need social centers where our young people can be entertained, amused and instructed under the direction of cultured, clean and competent leadership, where aesthetic surroundings stir the love for the beautiful, where art charges the atmosphere with inspiration and power, and innocent amusements instruct and brighten their lives.

To hold our young people on the farm we must make farm life more attractive as well as the business of farming more remunerative. The school house should be the social unit, properly equipped for nourishing and building character, so that the lives of our people can properly function around it and become supplied with the necessary elements of human thought and activity.

Read "The Million Dollar Mystery," and see it at Grand tonight.

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

North Wilkesboro will make an effort to raise funds to employ a visiting nurse.

At Lawndale, Cleveland county, fire that originated in a moving picture theatre, destroyed a wooden block of buildings containing two stocks of merchandise.

Policeman Bob Kendrick of Shelby was shot through the shoulder while trying to arrest a negro. The negro, Dave Willingham, was arrested by two trustys from a convict camp who were sent to look for him.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that an examination will be held at Asheville Saturday, February 13, as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a vacancy in the position of postmaster at Graphiteville.

A joint bill offered in the Senate Tuesday by Senator Weaver, of Buncombe, and Hobgood, of Guilford, would prescribe legalized primary for the state to include all parties and all offices from president down to and including county officers.

The Newton correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says G. F. Bollinger, James Robinson, Art and John Ingle, in cutting down trees cut down one that was a curiosity. The tree at the top was hollow for six feet. At the bottom of the hollow was a bed of six squirrels and two feet higher was a bed of three possums. In the top was a swarm of bees and about two gallons of honey. Some of the boys say that the animals had eaten about half of the honey.

## North Carolina Corn for North Carolina Markets.

Monroe Journal.

The bureau of markets of the North Carolina Experiment station is endeavoring to get persons in this State who buy western corn to begin using North Carolina corn. There is a corn belt in this State, comprised of the black lands in the eastern part of the State, which grow the finest white corn in abundance. From this section, 150,000 bushels are shipped annually to Germany. The object of the bureau is to get the corn buying section of the State to begin to get their supply from that section.

North Carolina mills grind 1,000,000 bushels of western corn every year, and dealers ship it in in addition to this amount four and a quarter million bushels each year. The bureau says that all who are interested in boosting North Carolina people should send their orders to the North Carolina corn belt and give the farmers the top of the market. The bureau of markets will furnish any information desired. It will be seen from the above figures that the State does not begin to supply its own needs for corn. The question seems to be one of markets and market arrangements for the corn crop in the State may certainly be increased almost indefinitely if farmers in each locality could be assured of a ready market at their regular marketing place.