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Demonstration Work at Raleigh.

The three teams to give demonstrations at Raleigh during the Teachers' Assembly are Mamie Wiseman and Fay English in cooking from Ashford school, Florence Dixon and Thersa Smith in sewing from East Marion Cotton Mill school, and Key Landis and Cronje Laughridge in corn judging from Dysartsville school. They will leave Marion Nov. 23rd and the demonstration will be given on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. An exhibit of the sewing and cooking-classes of the various schools will be sent to Raleigh.

Teachers' Meeting.

The November teachers' meeting was held in the court house last Saturday, with a good per cent of the teachers in attendance. Definite plans were made for the moonlight schools which are to begin this week in practically every district in the county.

The program of the State Teachers' Assembly was discussed. A number of the McDowell teachers are planning to attend. The Board of Education has agreed to allow all teachers attending to leave their schools on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and receive full pay.

Supt. I. C. Griffin gave an outline of "Handicrafts" in "Teaching the Common Branches." He was followed by Miss Hudgins, who read an interesting paper on "Writing." At the next meeting she will give the teachers of the three different grades lessons and drills in this subject.

Part of the program was left off until next meeting when the teachers can meet in the graded school building. At this time Mrs. Bird will present practical lessons in cooking, sewing and sanitation. Miss Harris will give a demonstration of paper cutting and Miss Hudgins drills on writing. The remainder of the program will be published later.

The editor of the Progress has agreed to issue an educational edition of the paper the first of January. The teachers are asked to send to the superintendent a full account of all club work, the moonlight schools, money raised, improvements made, etc. In this way the entire county can keep in touch with the progress of each school.

U. S. Sends Note to England.

Washington, Nov. 7.—The United States in its latest note to Great Britain, made public here today, covering exhaustively British interference with American trade since the beginning of the European War, declares that the so-called blockade instituted by the Allies against enemy countries on March 11, is "ineffective, illegal and indefensible." Notice is served that the American Government "cannot submit to the curtailment of its neutral rights," and it cannot "with complacency suffer further subordination of its rights and interests."

You do not know how good flour can be until you try Wichita's Best. And it is cheapest in the end, because it goes farther. Also it is equally good for every purpose.

Nebo Club Holds Interesting Meeting—School Work.

The Community Service Club of Nebo held a very interesting meeting last Friday evening and many new members were enrolled. Supt. L. L. Hargrave read a paper on "What the Tobacco Industry Has Done for Eastern Carolina." His treatment of the subject seemed to be greatly appreciated by all present and the suggestions running all thru it as to what might be accomplished in this section by proper co-operation put all to thinking.

Following this paper was the round table discussions and this was followed by an interesting debate on the live question: "Resolved, That the United States Should Greatly Increase Its Navy." For the affirmative, Bruce Tate and Deater Patton; negative, William Morgan and Lee Lavender. The argument was clear and to the point and both sides scored well, but the negative won the judges decision two to one.

It looks quite probable now that Nebo can have some boys to represent her next time in the State triangular debate. In fact the school feels proud of the large-boys that are now enrolled. We expect to hear from them in athletics as well as in the class room and in debate. With our fine drinking water, as shown by recent analysis, and our new sanitary drinking fountains we feel that no place can claim superior health advantages.

The harmonious advancement of the school work in all lines is calling forth pleasing remarks for both pupils and teachers. The school is entering a new era. This year for the first time coal will be burnt in the school and in the dormitory. With our supply of coal comfortable rooms throughout the winter are assured. This gives a fine opportunity to do all that hard work set for the long winter nights. [The above was received too late for last week's issue.—Editor.]

Hickory Plant Destroyed by Fire.

Hickory, N. C., Nov. 6.—Fire causing property loss estimated at one hundred thousand dollars and endangering property valued at over a million dollars, completely destroyed the plant of the Hickory Manufacturing company here tonight. Just how the fire originated is a matter of speculation, as the flames had gained great headway when the alarm was turned in shortly after 9 o'clock. It is presumed that the blaze started in the boiler room. An entire city block was burned over and much lumber and finished mill work destroyed in addition to the mill, which was a two-story brick structure. Only the walls remain standing.

The percentage of insurance carried by the company is relatively small, compared with the damage and will hardly run over twenty-five per cent. of the total loss.

Ocean Liner Sunk by Austrians.

Rome, Nov. 9.—(Via Paris).—The Italian-American liner, Ancona, carrying 422 passengers and a crew of 160 men, was torpedoed today by a large submarine flying the Austrian colors. The exact loss of life has not been learned, but is estimated to be about 150. Two hundred and seventy survivors, some of them wounded, have been landed at Bizerta.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

BELFONT

Old Fort, Rt. 2, Nov. 6.—Mrs. Mary Bird is visiting at the home of A. W. Gilliam.

Lee Lavender, who is in school at Nebo, spent the week-end with home-folks here.

Miss Bess Mackey spent Saturday and Sunday with home-folks at Greenlee.

Mrs. Mary Gilliam and Mattie Turner spent Sunday with Mrs. Charles Lytle.

Miss Ethel Wilson spent the week-end with home-folks at Ashford.

There will be a box supper at Belfont school house Saturday night, Nov. 13. The proceeds will be used for the furnishing of the school. Everybody is invited.

Oscar Wilson, age 26 years, died at the home of his mother, Mrs. M. Webb, last Tuesday night at twelve o'clock. Interment was made at Bethel cemetery.

Alfred Gilliam and son, Will, have gone on an extended visit to Spartanburg.

James Webb, age 85 years, died at his home Monday, Nov. 1. The remains were taken to Bethel for interment.

Clarence and Wilber Gilliam attended the singing convention at Stone Mountain recently.

Mrs. Eliza Bird has returned to her home near Asheville after spending several weeks with relatives here.

Parent's Day, observed at Belfont school Friday of last week, was a great success. A large crowd was present and the program was nicely carried out.

WOODLAWN

Woodlawn, Nov. 8.—The lady teachers are planning to give an entertainment on Thanksgiving at the school house.

N. Y. Leakey made a business trip to Asheville last week.

M. L. Good and Wade Hollifield made a business trip to Mitchell county last week.

Misses Brown and Hunter and Jas. C. Goforth attended the teachers' meeting at Marion last Saturday.

Miss Annie Brinkley, who is teaching in Avery county, visited her mother last week.

M. L. Good shipped a fine lot of young cattle to Richmond, Va., recently.

Arthur Dale made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Byrd went to Marion Saturday. Her friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Byrd's health is much improved.

Bee Specialist Here.

E. G. Carr, bee specialist of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., is spending the week in McDowell county in the interest of the bee industry. Several interesting meetings have been held during the week. Other meetings are announced as follows:

Thursday, Nov. 11, 10 a. m., J. R. Denton's, Dysartsville; 2:30 p. m., Nebo.

Friday, Nov. 12, 2 p. m., Sugar Hill.

Saturday, Nov. 13, 10 a. m., Crooked Creek; 2:30 p. m., Old Fort.

For Our Farm Extension Work.

The national Department of Agriculture has made the following allotment for farm extension work in North Carolina:

Total amount \$192,154, distributed as follows: Administration, \$3,200; publications, \$2,795; county agents, \$98,809; home demonstration, \$43,265; boys' club work, \$10,525; live stock, \$9,180; dairy-feeding, \$13,280; agronomy, \$3,300; horticulture, \$2,500; plant diseases and insects, \$400; agricultural engineering, \$2,400; marketing, \$3,000.

Board of Health Meeting.

Acting on the report of the grand jury at the September term of Superior Court, a special meeting of the Board of Health was called and held Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of investigating certain charges made in their report regarding the county physician. The members present were G. C. Conley, Dr. D. M. McIntosh, Dr. H. C. Taylor and J. W. Streetman, when the following proceedings were had.

Chairman G. C. Conley called the meeting to order and J. W. Streetman was appointed secretary. Joe England, keeper of the county home, came before the board and stated that the county physician, Dr. G. B. Justice, had answered every call and done his duty as to the inmates of the county home so far as he knew since he was elected the last time. Frank Curtis, jailer, was also questioned, and he stated that Dr. Justice had always answered his calls and that he had no complaint to make of his services.

Dr. Justice himself came before the board and stated that he had never refused or failed to answer all calls to the jail or county home; that he had not neglected any of the inmates, and that he had also made the visits as required by law.

The investigation before the board failed to find that the county physician had been neglectful of his duties.

Mr. Hall came before the board and made complaint that a slaughter pen was so near his residence that it was very objectionable and asked that the board have same moved. The matter was referred to the county physician for action.

Dr. D. M. McIntosh was appointed quarantine officer of Old Fort township. Dr. H. C. Taylor was appointed quarantine officer of Nebo township. There being no further business before the meeting, on motion the board adjourned.

J. W. STREETMAN,
Secretary.

G. C. CONLEY, Chairman.
Marion, N. C., Nov. 2nd, 1915.

News & Observer Plant Completely Destroyed by Fire.

Raleigh, Nov. 8.—Fire of unknown origin today totally destroyed half a block of buildings, including the plant of The Raleigh News and Observer with all its equipment, and the printing house of E. M. Uzzel and company, state printers. This is the second fire The News and Observer has suffered in three years, the first being only a partial loss, however. The total loss in yesterday's disaster is placed at a quarter of a million dollars. It is stated that nothing but the mailing lists of The News and Observer was saved from the flames. In the destruction of the Uzzel printing house many valuable state papers were lost, including copies of Supreme court reports, and state laws, none of which can be duplicated. The loss to the state in papers, paper stock and printing supplies is placed by Secretary of State Grimes at \$70,000, about 30 per cent. of this being covered by insurance. The News and Observer's loss is placed at \$100,000.

The Statesville Landmark says that W. D. Turner and Dorman Thompson, who appeared before Judge Harding at Burnsville last week in injunction cases, secured the dissolution of the temporary injunction granted Geo. W. Chapman against the Sinclair Lumber Co. and the injunction of the Sinclair Lumber Co. against Chapman was made permanent.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The Baptist State Convention will meet in Charlotte on Tuesday, December 7th.

Seven hundred and fifty boys were enrolled in the pig clubs in North Carolina during the year ending September 1st.

The Secretary of State's office reports that so far 20,060 automobiles have been licensed in the State, about 4,000 more than last year.

The railroads will give a rate of one fare for the round trip on account of the meeting of the State Farmers' Union at Durham, November 16-17-18.

Twenty-eight namesakes of Congressman E. Y. Webb gathered in front of the court house Saturday and posed for the photographer. Mr. Webb was in the midst of the group. These 28 all live in Cleveland and range in age from 18 months to 18 years.—Shelby Star.

Dr. Dula of Lenoir.

Dr. Alfred W. Dula of Lenoir, N. C., who has a professional card appearing in this issue of this paper, began fitting glasses in 1899, after taking an optical course under Dr. W. L. Davis. In 1900 he went to Philadelphia and entered the Philadelphia College of Horology and Optics, taking the full optical course and also taking lectures at the Midico Chirurgical Hospital, and practical glass fitting in the Eye Dispensary.

Dr. Dula graduated in optics at the Philadelphia College of Horology and Optics in 1901 and returned to Lenoir, N. C., where he has been located ever since. He has returned north several times for additional lectures in optics and optometry, taking the full course Optometry at the Philadelphia College, holding both of the degrees of DOCTOR OF OPTICS and GRADUATE OF OPTOMETRY.

Dr. Dula has been a member of the State Optometrical Society since it was organized and helped pass the law creating a state board of examiners in Optometry. He has been honored by the Society, having been elected as vice-president, as a member the executive committee, and is now a member of the publicity committee and was elected to represent the State Optometrical Society at the meeting of the American Optical Association at San Francisco, Cal., 1915. Dr. Dula has full optical equipment, including electric lighted ophthalmoscope, electric ophthalmic cabinet, electric lighted ophthalmometer. Two of the best trial cases and latest appliances for fitting glasses and a dark room for making examinations of the retina and humors of the eye and retinoscopy.

Dr. Dula will be at Old Fort, N. C., Nov. 15th and 16th and at Hotel Marianna, Marion, N. C., Nov. 17th and 18th. Special low prices made on this trip. adv.

Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen, That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, or corporation, to keep any restaurant within the corporate limits of the town of Marion open from 11 o'clock p. m. to 4:30 a. m. on any night in the week, except Saturday night, upon said night restaurants may remain open until midnight; and, any person violating the provisions of this ordinance, upon conviction, shall be fined Five Dollars for each and every offense.

LADIES: Don't forget Gaston & Tate have the Coat Suit or Coat for you. No two alike.