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N. C. TEACHERS' MEETING

Interesting Programs in Different Departments—Noted Visitors Are Heard.

The thirty-second annual session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly convened in Raleigh last Wednesday night with Miss Mary O. Graham, the first woman in North Carolina to be elected president of this body, presiding. The teachers were welcomed by Dr. Delia Dixon Carroll of Raleigh and Supt. I. C. Griffin of Marion responded to the address of welcome. The address of the evening was made by Miss Jessie Field of New York, National secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

On Thursday night the president delivered her address on "Efficiency." Dr. David Snedden, Commissioner of Education of Massachusetts, discussed the present educational system of reforms the times demands. Other noted speakers on the assembly program were Dr. A. E. Winship, editor of the Boston Journal of Education, Dr. Bruce R. Payne, now president of George Peabody College for Teachers, but formerly of Morganton, N. C.; Miss Anna Brochhansen, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Miss Leila Cobb, of Edinboro, Pa.

The reception for the teachers was given at the Governor's mansion on Thursday evening. Among the number in the receiving line were Supt. and Mrs. D. F. Giles.

The Rural Elementary school demonstration work in cooking, sewing and corn judging was the best part of the entire program, six of the counties participating—McDowell, Johnston, Granville, Orange, Northampton and Alamance. On Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning the cooking classes demonstrated the making of biscuits and muffins. The sewing classes made an underwaist using the different plain stitches, whipping on lace, making button holes, etc.

Thursday afternoon the different classes working together served a six-course dinner to the sixteen distinguished educators, among whom were Dr. J. Y. Joyner, Dr. A. E. Winship, Dean M. C. S. Noble, Hon. F. D. Winston, Dr. Clarence Poe, State Supervisor L. C. Brogden, Supt. D. F. Giles, Col. Fred Olds, Misses Mary O. Graham, Jessie Field, Beth Pryor, Edith Royster and Mesdames Jane McKinnon and Jacques Busbee. The white potatoes and boiled ham for this dinner were carried from McDowell county.

Election of officers at the last business session of the assembly resulted in the promotion of Vice-President R. H. Wright of Greenville to the presidency, the election of Supt. A. T. Allen of Salisbury vice-president, and the re-election of Mr. E. E. Sams secretary.

Meeting of Superintendents.

The annual meeting of County Superintendents was held in the House of Representatives on Tuesday morning, the 23rd. At this meeting reports were made by the superintendents on local taxation, etc. On Wednesday the work of Woman's Betterment Society was discussed and the supervisors of rural school made reports on the work they are attempting.

On Thursday afternoon Dr.

David Snedden, Massachusetts commissioner of education, spoke to the high school principals and the county superintendents. There were 94 of the possible 100 in attendance.

The joint meeting of high school principals and county superintendents in the afternoon resulted in a large number of resolutions which are directed at vocational or professional betterment. These are to be offered to the general assembly to fix the status legally of high school principals. Better equipment in dormitories, teachers' homes, all year employment, and various matters that formed the basis for a dozen and a half resolutions went through.

Night School Opens Tonight.

The Graded School committee has decided to open the school building to all who wish to attend night school. The teachers have pledged themselves to teach without pay. It is now possible for any man or woman, boy or girl, to get instruction in the common school branches without any cost. It will be necessary for those attending to bring with them some book, and it does not matter what kind of text book it is. The first session will be held Thursday night, December 2, beginning at 7:30. Already a large class has been organized. It is urgently requested by the school authorities that all who wish to attend will be present Thursday night for organization. It is hoped that many of the older men and women of our town who wish additional instruction in reading, writing and arithmetic will attend these night sessions. In night schools elsewhere men and women 70 years old are attending. Everybody is urged to interest someone in the school and secure their attendance. We should be glad to have volunteers to help in the operation of the school.

I. C. GRIFFIN, Supt.

J. W. Grayson Passes.

Mr. John W. Grayson, one of the best known citizens of the county, died at his home about four miles southwest of Marion last Sunday morning at six o'clock after an illness of several weeks. The deceased was 52 years of age and a native of this county. He taught school in the county for a number of years and enjoyed the high esteem of a large circle of friends. He was a consecrated Christian man and a devoted member of Bethel Baptist church.

The deceased is survived by a mother, Mrs. M. L. Grayson of Nealsville; a wife and four children; one sister, Miss Ella Grayson, of Nealsville; and five brothers, A. W. Grayson of this place, J. M. Grayson of Nealsville, C. S. Grayson of High Point, H. C. Grayson of Fort Worth, Texas, and G. H. Grayson of Washington, D. C.

The funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock at Bethel church by Rev. G. G. O'Neil, assisted by Rev. J. C. Story, and interment followed at the adjoining cemetery.

Notice is given that the Catawba Valley Light and Power Company has not sold its property on the Catawba river and that the company proposes to begin construction work upon the plant soon.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

VEIN MOUNTAIN

Vein Mountain, Nov. 25.—W. L. Gregory of Charlotte, representing the International Harvesting Co., is installing a corn mill for Flack Bros.

Miss Maggie Goforth and her pupils of District number one are elated over the installation of a large bell, a gift of a friend of the school. Miss Goforth seems to bear constantly in mind her duties as teacher to pupils and patrons. She has recently equipped the school room with nice window curtains, and in conjunction with her larger students has for several days past given the noon hour to the cleaning and beautifying of the school grounds, preparing it for trees, vines, and shrubbery, which will be planted soon. She has also arranged with the Lend-a-Hand Book Mission for a large number of books to be added to our library at an early date.

J. M. Arrowood has returned from an extended visit to friends in Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Morris, a daughter.

John Lewis of Crestmont is visiting his parents and children here.

Acid wood has advanced 12½%. This, or something else, has caused many idle teams to get busy which will ultimately add many dollars to the coffers of the teamsters of this community.

L. W. Arrowood has added another room to his present commodious dwelling, which adds much to the comfort of his family.

Esq. W. C. Raburn has recently completed a large, neat and well arranged barn, which example many other farmers of this section should follow.

David Campbell of Shiloh is visiting his son, J. A. Campbell.

Bracketts township seems slow but sure in building good roads. Esq. Naney has recently completed a change on the north end of the Rock House road near the Montford's section. This change relieves travelers from going down a long hill with a grade of about 40% which, according to the oldest inhabitants, has been traveled for more than a hundred years.

M. P. and J. E. Flack, together with their families, accompanied by Miss Maggie Goforth, spent Sunday with their parents at Union Mills, it being their mother's 64th birthday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Arrowood, recently, a daughter.

Rev. B. B. Harris has returned from an extended visit to his children at Henrietta, Cliffside and Gastonia and Convers, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ward are visiting their son at Cliffside.

J. S. Upton of Spencer spent the week-end with relatives here last week.

SUGAR HILL.

Sugar Hill, Nov. 29.—Sugar Hill school is progressing nicely under the management of Berry Hunter and Tom Stacy of Nebo.

Thanksgiving was rather quiet around here. Only a few participated in bird hunting.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Jonas of Marion and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Brown spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wilson.

Miss Bertha Morris entertained quite a number of friends on last Friday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Stella Hilton, of Cheraw, S. C. After a delicious supper, all were very pleasantly entertained by solos and duets rendered by Misses Fay Padgett and Estelle Wilson of Nebo.

On last Saturday evening Miss Louise Crawford gave a six o'clock dinner to her friends in honor of Misses Padgett and Wilson of Nebo. After the delicious dinner all were ushered to the parlor where the evening was passed very pleasantly chatting and listening to excellent piano solos and duets rendered by Misses Wilson and Padgett. At a late hour refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Gertrude Wilson. Among those present were Misses Nelle Morris of Glenwood, Stella Hilton of Cheraw, S. C., Estelle Wilson

and Fay Padgett of Nebo; Messrs. Parks Morris of Glenwood, Homer Beaman and Mr. Eliffe of Marion.

WOODLAWN

Woodlawn, Nov. 29.—The Thanks giving entertainment given by the teachers last Wednesday night was a success and was an enjoyable affair.

Miss Louise Brown visited homefolks at Ashford last week.

J. C. Greene of Old Fort was here on business last week.

Miss Belle Hunter spent Thanksgiving with relatives and friends at Nebo.

James C. Goforth spent Thanksgiving with relatives at Dyaartsville. He reports a pleasant visit.

The lumber business in this part of the county seems to be picking up some and prospects for the future are better.

Ernest Byrd has moved from Armstrong to the Yancey.

Jesse Baxter has moved to the Wright mill, where he assumes the duties of miller.

Farmers have finished sewing wheat and are gathering corn.

Mrs. M. W. Yancey is expected home soon from Fayetteville.

BELFONT

Belfont, Nov. 29.—Mrs. A. W. Gilliam has returned home after a week's visit at Ashford.

Miss Bess Mackey spent the latter part of last week at Black Mountain and Asheville.

Lee Lavender and Devanie Lytle returned to Nebo Sunday, after spending last week with homefolks at Belfont.

Miss Gertrude Durham spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Alfred Gilliam and Lonnie Davis made a business trip to Marion last Wednesday.

Miss Ethel Wilson spent the latter part of last week with homefolks at Ashford.

T. E. Snipes of Marion visited relatives at Belfont last Thursday.

M. Cover and daughter of Rutherford spent Saturday and Sunday with U. S. Davis.

Wilbur Gilliam made a business trip to Asheville last Friday.

GREENLEE

Greenlee, Nov. 30.—A large crowd enjoyed a picnic at the Presbyterian church Thanksgiving.

Greenlee school was suspended last Wednesday afternoon for Thanksgiving holidays.

Misses Hattie Pendergrass and Grace Lrwin spent Sunday and Monday in Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Allanach of Crestmont spent Thanksgiving with relatives here.

Thurman Ledbetter was in Marion during Thanksgiving.

Oliver Pendergrass spent Thursday in Union Mills.

Misses Essie Ledbetter and Charlotte Greenlee spent a few days last week in Marion.

Mrs. Curtis and two sons, and Miss Annie Silver of Marion visited homefolks here Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Olar Walls and Estelle Flemming spent last week with homefolks.

P. L. Payne and R. J. Gibbs, operators of the Southern railway, went on eight hour duty at Greenlee Wednesday, opening second and third tricks.

J. L. Grubbs is constructing an iron bridge over Cane Creek near this place.

Daves-Laughridge.

Dysartsville, Nov. 29.—On last Thursday, November 25th, at 4 o'clock a beautiful home wedding took place at the home of Esquire W. A. Laughridge when his daughter, Miss Lillie, became the bride of Zebulun Daves, Rev. John R. Denton officiating. W. N. Laughridge was best man. Will and Bratcher Laughridge were groomsmen and Misses Cola and Annie Daves were bridesmaids. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Laughridge, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Walker and Mrs. Emma Laughridge and daughter, Miss Berdje.

Following the ceremony a delicious supper was served.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The deaths from pellagra in North Carolina last year were 551 and 53 of these were in a single county.

Wm. H. Pearson, a native of Morganton, for 15 years in business in New York, died last week and his remains were brought to Morganton for burial.

The Southern Power Company's big hydroelectric power plant at Lookout Shoals, on the Catawba river, 12 miles west of Statesville, is nearing completion.

The financial exhibit of the Baptist State Convention, which meets in Charlotte next week, shows that the Baptists of the State have raised for all convention purposes this year \$55,524.59, which is a gain of \$5,000 over last year.

Senator Sheppard, of Texas, announces that he will introduce a bill for nation-wide prohibition the day Congress opens. It is understood that a similar bill will be introduced in the House by Representative Webb of North Carolina.

Of the 47 applicants who took the examination before the State Board of Pharmacy, only 18 passed. Among those who passed were Harry H. Allen of Shelby, Earl J. Caton of Charlotte, Robt. S. Daily of Reidsville, R. N. Mann of High Point and Harry L. Riddle of Morganton. The latter led his class.

At an executive meeting held in Durham a few days ago it was decided to hold the Fourth Annual Session of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service in Charlotte the latter part of January next, the exact date not having been determined. The central theme at the coming Conference will be Child Welfare in its various phases. An interesting program is promised.

Camp Fire Meeting.

The Cullakeens Camp Fire Girls met with Misses Ruth Kirby and Frances Wood last Monday evening between the hours of 7 and 9:30 for their monthly social meeting. Eighteen of the twenty members were present. A ceremonial meeting was first held, after which the Guardian told of her recent visit to Chinatown while in San Francisco. The burning of some Chinese incense added to the interest of the story. Candy and fruit were served and the guests departed promptly at 9:30.

The weekly business meeting will be held in the Camp Fire room in the First National Bank building next Saturday at four o'clock.

WINONA.

Marsh Refused Bond.

John T. Marsh, charged with the killing of J. R. Ray at the Clinchfield mill on November 9th, was given a hearing before Magistrates Little and Ratliff last Saturday afternoon and committed to jail without bond. The State was represented by D. E. Hudgins and C. C. Lisenbee appeared for the defendant. The case promises to attract considerable interest when called for trial at the January term of Superior court.