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EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

Cooking Class Begin Work at Marion Mill School—Stroudtown Closing—Tomato Clubs

The Marion Cotton Mill teachers, Misses Mary McKoy, Mattie Hicks and Annie Gibson, have purchased the equipment for their cooking class, which will begin work this week. It may interest other schools that anticipate doing this work to know that an individual equipment sufficient for twelve girls may be purchased for the sum of \$4.85. On Thursday afternoon of this week these same teachers will observe a demonstration cooking lesson given by the Domestic Science class of the Marion Graded School under Mrs. Bird.

The Clinchfield School, under the leadership of Miss Mamie Stacy, with Misses Olivia Patton and Effie Hicks as assistants, is doing splendid work. This school has only been in operation since January. The boys and girls have a right to be proud of their new building and the work in progress, and they seem to be.

The Tomato Club girls of the county should begin their planning now for the biggest and best crop of tomatoes that has ever been raised in McDowell county. Miss Harris will endeavor to find some arrangement by which the girls can make a ready sale of their tomatoes this year. The teachers of the schools in the county will do much if they urge the girls to join a Tomato club and make their own spending money. Miss Maude Harris, supervisor, will be out among the different schools this week and next re-organizing the Canning Clubs and other industrial work of the schools.

Nebo High School, which has been suspended for three weeks, will resume work February 16th, and it is hoped that all students will promptly return at that time. The length of the school term will be the same as it would have been had not this interruption occurred.

Friday, January 28, marked the close at Stroudtown of one of the most successful schools ever conducted in the county. This was a continuous school for seven months with a maximum attendance of 120. No stopping for "fodder" there. The following were neither absent nor tardy during the session: Helen Frisbie, Mabel Hawkins, Ethel Early, Zilpah Frisbie, Reid Hild, George Turner, Hessie Early and Jessie Bowman. This is the spirit that wins. Keep it up and win in the school of life. The patrons have shown their appreciation of the faithful work of the teachers, Misses Brogden, Elliott and McCurry by asking them to return another year. Stroudtown has further shown interest in better education by asking Miss Elliott to conduct a two months subscription school. An attendance of 35 is reported.

Contestants in the Booster Store contest may secure 2,000 votes for every dollar paid on subscription to The Progress. Get busy. Ask your friends for votes on renewal subscriptions.

Corn Meeting—Prizes Offered.

Thursday, February 17, a corn meeting will be held at the court house in Marion. Mr. E. S. Millsaps of Statesville and other prominent men will be present and will speak on selection of good seed corn, growing the crop and other subjects of interest. The following enterprising business men have contributed goods as prizes for good, well selected corn: Gaston & Trte \$2.50, P. A. Reid & Co. \$2.25, Price Hardware Co. \$2.50, J. D. Blanton \$—, J. H. L. Miller Clothing Co. \$2.00, The Peerless Store, Marion Bargain House, Red Iron Racket and T. M. Hemphill \$1.00 each.

The following prizes will be given to men: Best ten ears prolific corn, first prize, \$2.00; second prize, \$1.00; third prize, 50c. For large type single ear variety, first prize \$2.00, second prize, \$1.00; third prize, 50c. The same prizes will be given to boys, making twelve prizes in all. No prize will be given if exhibit is not worthy. Somebody will win.

Corn is the leading crop of McDowell, but there is a great shortage of really first class, well bred seed. This meeting will afford an opportunity to learn more of the principles underlying the proper selection of seed corn and growing the crop. The meeting begins at 10:30 o'clock.

Winners of prizes will receive due bill good for so much merchandise.

Pruning and Spraying Demonstration Next Saturday.

Mr. B. Szymoniak of the the State Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, will conduct a pruning and spraying demonstration at Gilkey and Winborne's orchard near Marion on Saturday, February 12. This spraying will be the dormant or winter spraying and will be followed by others later in the season. A good set of pruning tools and a sprayer will be seen in actual use. It is expected that a large number of interested people will be present as fruit-growing is certain to play a large part in the future development of McDowell county. And why? Because an orchard on hillside land can be so handled that practically no water will run off and that form of agriculture will succeed best that saves the soil.

All should be present at the demonstration at 10:45 sharp, as Mr. Szymoniak will arrive on train No. 22 and leave on an early train.

Clover Seeding.

For many years farmers have been broadcasting clover seed in the mud or on the snow early in Spring. This left the freezing and thawing to work the seed into the soil and give it a start. The method has become more and more unsatisfactory and many seedings have failed. Now we have a new type of seed drills which enable us to put the clover seed on the grain-fields in April. The grain is not injured, and we are far surer of a "catch" of clover. These seed drills with disk attachments give a great improvement over the old plan of broadcasting on frozen ground.—The Rural New-Yorker.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

HARMONY GROVE

Harmony Grove, Feb. 6.—J. B. Lawing was in Marion last week attending court.

Misses Iowa Sigmon and Hattie Taylor spent the week-end with homefolks at Nebo.

S. A. Bowman and son, James, were in Marion Saturday on business.

Ferman Simmons made a business trip to Nebo last Friday.

Kenneth Hensley made a business trip to Glenwood one day last week.

Services were conducted here Sunday by Rev. Fletcher Simmons, who is in school at Round Hill.

A crowd of young people enjoyed a singing at Joe Holland's Saturday night.

Dallas Rowe has returned to Virginia, where he is engaged in bridge work.

James Pyatt of Nebo spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Anderson.

Alexander Crawley and son, Ed, were in Marion on business last Friday.

Will Brown of Nebo spent a few days last week with his father, D. C. Brown.

C. B. Morgan made a business trip to Marion last Wednesday.

J. N. Pruett of Kaiser, spent last week with his father-in-law, J. B. Lawing.

Miss Blandina Morgan spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. Ada Ellington, near Dysartsville.

The school here is progressing nicely. The teachers and pupils are very busy preparing for the closing exercises which will be held Friday night, Feb. 18. A good entertainment is expected and everybody is cordially invited to attend.

ASHFORD

Ashford, Feb. 7.—Mrs. John Swingle has returned to her home at Johnson City, Tenn., after spending a few days with relatives here.

Mrs. Maggie McCall spent Friday and Saturday in Asheville.

J. C. Conley and son, Dixon, made a business trip to Burke county the latter part of last week.

Miss Ethel Wilson has returned home from Old Fort where she has been teaching school.

Mrs. Ellen Dockery is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. M. Conley.

Mrs. Claude Laughridge of Bostic visited her mother, Mrs. James Brown, one day last week.

Mrs. Bruce Lewis spent Saturday and Sunday in Salisbury.

Clarence Wiseman of Linville Falls made a business trip to Ashford last Saturday.

Miss Louise Brown of Woodlawn visited homefolks Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Stamey spent Sunday with Mrs. Sam Brown.

John Wiseman of Linville Falls spent Sunday at Ashford.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Lonon made a short trip to Altapass last Sunday.

NEALSVILLE

Glenwood, Feb. 7.—Mrs. A. C. Gardin has returned home from Cliffside, where she spent several days with her daughter, Mrs. D. J. Hunt.

T. W. Brackett of Landrum, S. C., was in Glenwood last week on business.

Misses Lou Morris and Ella Grant of Sugar Hill spent the week-end with relatives in Glenwood.

Mrs. A. L. Bright is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hattie Keeter, in Marion.

Misses Maude Carson and Mildred Wilson were shopping in Marion Saturday.

Mrs. George Williams of Old Fort spent last week with her parents.

Mr. A. P. Poteat went to Richmond, Va., last week on business.

Miss Bessie Rayburn, who has been in school at Cullowhee Institute, was called home on account of the illness of her mother.

Mrs. L. E. Poteat was shopping in Marion Saturday.

Jake Epley spent the week-end at Glen Alpine.

Frank Mode had the misfortune recently to lose a fine milk cow.

Mrs. John Byrd is very ill.

Rev. B. M. Ridenhour of Marion delivered an excellent sermon at the Baptist church Sunday.

THOMPSON'S FORK.

Thompson's Fork, Feb. 6.—Fletcher Simmons of Round Hill visited homefolks here Saturday and Sunday.

Dallas Rowe left Tuesday for Farmersville, N. C., where he will be engaged in work.

Ralph Tate, Fred and Donald Hargrave of Nebo visited Clayton Janes Saturday.

Marion Simmons made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

Mrs. Mattie Tate visited relatives at Nebo one day last week.

Quite a number of the people of Thompson's Fork attended the singing at the home of Joseph Holland Saturday night.

M. L. Kaylor, who has been on the sick list for some time, is improving.

D. C. Brown and son, Vanulas, of Glenwood, were here a few days last week making improvements on his farm.

C. F. Dixon made a business trip to Bridgewater one day last week.

NEBO

Nebo, Feb. 6.—Miss Pearl Padgett is on the sick list but we hope her a speedy recovery.

G. D. Taylor and Gaither Janes made a business trip to Dysartsville last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lawing of Harmony Grove were in Nebo Sunday.

Ernest Beach made a business trip to Morganton last Monday.

Faye Padgett of North Cove spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks here.

W. G. Hunter has gone to Chapel Hill on business.

Ennis Lawing and Kenneth Hensley of Harmony Grove made a pleasure trip to Nebo Sunday.

Mrs. J. F. Bailey has gone to Black Mountain to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Howell.

CARLYLE

Carlyle, Feb. 7.—Mrs. S. N. Gray is visiting relatives in Morganton this week.

Mrs. J. W. Edwards has been very ill the past week.

Tom Edwards is visiting friends in Elizabethton, Tenn.

Miss Zoda McCall is visiting relatives at Carlyle.

J. G. Janes has secured a contract for furnishing the Union Tanning Company with a large amount of chestnut wood.

VEIN MOUNTAIN

Vein Mountain, Feb. 7.—J. F. Lawing & Company of Rutherfordton have located their camps near this place for the purpose of doing ditching work on the Southern railway.

Southern freight train No. 68 was wrecked near the 198 mile post recently. The tract was badly torn up and considerable damage done to several cars.

On January 28th our school observed "Mother's Day." Quite a number of mothers were in attendance and enjoyed a splendid program which was well rendered by the pupils. Following the program delicious refreshments were served to pupils and visitors. The refreshments were given by the teacher, Miss Maggie Goforth, as a token of her appreciation of the friendship shown her by friends of the school, both students and parents. The school has been fortunate in maintaining a sewing class during the entire session and much and lasting good has been accomplished along this line. The class has made marked improvement in sewing. A nice quilt made by this class has been forwarded to the Thomasville Orphanage.

Miss Maggie Goforth has just closed a very successful school of seven months here and Miss Mamie Goforth a like term in district No. 2. The parents and students of these two districts are highly elated over the splendid work done by these young ladies and the people are of one accord in requesting that they be returned next session. The Misses Goforth have returned to their home at Dysartsville.

The entire community was saddened Friday morning on learning of the death of Mrs. John L. Arrowood which occurred Thursday night, following a long illness. Besides a husband and seven children, Mrs. Arrowood leaves a father, four sisters and eight brothers to mourn her departure. Interment was made in the family graveyard Saturday. A large crowd of friends and relatives attended the funeral.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

According to the census taken July 1, 1914, the population of Asheville and Raleigh was reckoned at 20,000, while the same census gave Newbern 10,300.

The North Carolina Peace Society will hold its annual convention in Durham in March. Henry Ford and W. J. Bryan will probably be invited to speak.

Dr. Charles E. Brewer was formally inaugurated as president of Meredith College on last Thursday morning in the presence of Meredith College students, alumnae and friends, and the heads of colleges and leaders in education of this and other States.

The Newton Enterprise relates that a yellow pine tree was cut in Catawba county the other day that measured 39 inches across the stump, cutting eight 12-foot logs and making 1,156 feet of good lumber. A poplar tree cut in the same county measured five feet six inches across the stump, cut nine 4-foot logs, and made about 2,000 feet of lumber.

Court Adjourned.

Court adjourned last Friday and Judge Justice returned to his home in Rutherfordton Friday afternoon. The jury in the case of Jack Stepp vs Union Tanning Company returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$200. In the case of Jackson vs Southern Railway Company the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$10.00. The case of J. D. Finley vs Tenn. & N. C. Railway Company resulted in a mistrial, instead of verdict for defendant as stated last week. In the case of Mrs. A. O. Von Eberhard vs J. R. Murphy, the former retains possession of her property and she is required to pay Mr. Murphy the sum of \$125.

Other cases were disposed of as follows: R. W. Huskins vs Southern Railway Company, non-suit. Holston Corporation vs McKinney, compromised. Jas. A. McKinney vs Southern Railway Company, compromised, defendant to pay cost. Robert Turner vs Southern Railway Company, non-suit.

The Fundamentals of School.

After all "the tumult and the shouting" about improved methods, better laws, text books of a higher grade and all the other things about which we talk ourselves hoarse, the real school consists of the teacher and the pupils. Boys and girls and teachers—all other things are elaborations and accessories. The money that is spent in getting a good teacher is spent in the best way, for if the teacher is poor the school is poor, no matter what else may be in the way of equipment, and the promotion of all side shows that usually accompany the scheme of giving children an education.

If there is any merit in the groundhog's prognostications we take it that winter is over and that we can now get ready to farm and garden. Wednesday was the little animal's day and it is certain that, in this section at any rate, he did not have an opportunity to see his shadow. It was cloudy and rainy all day.