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SPRING NORMAL COURSE

Plans for Training Course at Marion, Nebo and Old Fort—School Notes.

The County Superintendent announces plans for the Spring Normal Training Courses for this year. These courses will be given at Marion, Nebo, and Old Fort Graded Schools; the work being so arranged as to take the place of the mid-summer institute which has been held heretofore in July or August.

The work at Nebo will begin March 13th, Miss Harris having charge of the Primary work. From April 3rd to April 14th Miss Harris will give the same work at the Old Fort Graded School. From April 17th to the 28th the Primary work will be in charge of Miss Harris at Marion, the same work being given at all three places. Prof. I. C. Griffin will offer a course in "How to Teach Arithmetic and Geography" at Old Fort on March 20th to the 30th, at Nebo April 3rd to 14th, and at Marion from April 17th to 28th. Prof. L. L. Hargrave will offer a four weeks course in Arithmetic and Grammar at Nebo beginning March 20th. Prof. N. F. Steppe will have charge of a similar course at Old Fort beginning April 3rd. A similar course will also be offered at Marion beginning April 17th. The County Superintendent will offer a course consisting largely of a review in History, also demonstration lessons in History. This course will be given at Nebo from March 20th to 30th, at Old Fort from April 3rd to 14th; at Marion April 17th to 28th.

All teachers, prospective teachers, and students interested in school work are urged and earnestly requested to take this work at one or the other of these schools. Teachers who have attended summer schools at the State University, State Normal or other colleges of reputable standard and possess a first grade certificate will not be required to take this work. All teachers who complete one or the other of these normal courses will be given certificates without examinations, on recommendation of the Principal or Normal Instructor in charge, if, in the opinion of the County Superintendent, the teacher in question is sufficiently qualified. At the close of the Normal work at Marion, all teachers in the County will be requested to attend a general meeting for three days, at which time Prof. E. E. Sams, State Supervisor of Teacher Training, will be present. The County Superintendent will at this time have something to say concerning the organization of schools, on report making, and other matters pertaining to routine of school work for next year.

It is earnestly hoped that every teacher and prospective teacher will attend one or the other of these courses, since it will be to the advantage of every teacher to take advantage of this opportunity. With the proper co-operation of all teachers, it will be possible to elevate the standard of the teaching force in McDowell county.

A more detailed announcement and schedule of recitations will be announced later.

The C. C. & O. school boys met the Clinchfield school in a baseball game on the C. C. & O. ball ground Friday afternoon, Feb. 11. The score was 7 to 10 in favor of Clinchfield. The C. C. & O. school work under Misses Stacy and Lonon is progressing well. The spirit of the boys and girls seems excellent and that in any school is a valuable asset.

Garden City school stands first so far in the number of girls enrolled in the Tomato Club work. Misses Rena Jameson, Rebecca Hennessee, Estelle Patten, Wilma Grindstaff, Myra Quinn, Ada Hendley and Willie Austin are names of the girls in this school who are going to do their part in making McDowell county a banner county in the Tomato Club work. This school closes in two weeks, Feb. 25. That an entertainment on that date is forth coming can be clearly seen from the work Miss Houck, Miss Williams and Miss Biddix are daily doing. Miss Houck is an enthusiastic leader, and her leadership is shown by the fine school spirit of the pupils. Both the other teachers are doing their part making the school count.

The Chapel Hill school with Misses Mary Poteat and Tracy Sigmon as teachers, may certainly be help up as an example of a well behaved school. It is good indeed to see so earnest and studious a body as these boys and girls seem to be.

At Greenlee, the primary children, Miss Mary Burgin, teacher, show the happy spirit of willing enthusiastic workers. The elementary room under Miss Patten is also hard at work, and the large attendance in the principal's, Mr. Ledbetter's room, attests the faithfulness of work being done. One Tomato Club girl, Miss Margaret McKoy, is enrolled from the Greenlee school, and we hope that there may be many more.

The Ashford school will close next Friday, the 18th, with an entertainment Friday night. An attractive program will be rendered. An admission of five and ten cents will be charged to pay for the stage curtains. An invitation is extended to the public.

Good reports have been received from Fairview school. The parents, pupils and teacher are all working with a co-operative spirit to make this a successful school. Miss Rosa Houk is an energetic and enthusiastic worker, and with the committeemen standing by her, the school is being brought up to a high standard. The teacher and pupils are planning to entertain the parents of the community some time before the close of school. The school will close March 10.

The President a Candidate.

President Wilson yesterday formally gave his consent that his name be used as a candidate for renomination. In a letter to the Secretary of State of Ohio the President stated that he was unwilling to enter a contest for the nomination but was ready to permit the use of his name in the coming primary in order that the Democrats of Ohio might make known their preference.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

NEALSVILLE

Nealsville, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Frank Mode has returned home from Morganton, where she visited her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Parker, of Shelby, spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Goforth. Mrs. Alice Pyatt and daughter, Miss Ethel, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Marion.

Misses Ola England and Mildred Wilson were shopping in Marion Saturday. A. P. Poteat made a business trip to Lynchburg, Va., last week.

Miss Maude Carson spent Saturday and Sunday at her home near Marion.

Quite a number of young people enjoyed a singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Goforth Saturday night.

Mrs. Claude Morris and sister, Miss Thelma England visited relatives in Morganton last week.

Mrs. A. C. Gardin was shopping in Marion Monday.

J. H. Rayburn was in Morganton last week on business.

Rev. Fletcher Simmons was a Glenwood visitor Sunday.

ASHFORD

Ashford, Feb. 15.—Melvin McCall spent Saturday in Marion.

Miss Estelle Wilson spent the latter part of last week with homefolks at Nebo.

Mrs. J. B. Lonon made a short trip to Altapass Saturday evening.

Mrs. Bruce Lewis made a trip to Marion and Greenlee Saturday and Sunday.

John McCall and wife are the proud parents of a baby girl since last Monday week.

J. C. Conley spent Saturday in Marion.

J. E. Wilson made a business trip to Marion and Nebo Saturday.

Miss Louise Brown spent the latter part of last week with homefolks here.

Herbert Franklin of Linville Falls spent Sunday and Monday with friends at Ashford. Mr. Franklin was on his way home, after spending several weeks in Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Emma McCall is visiting relatives at Spruce Pine this week.

Earl Brown and Joe Carpenter spent Sunday with friends and relatives at Altamont.

Miss Mabel Wiseman passed through Ashford Tuesday enroute to Nebo, where she enters school again.

FAIRVIEW

Fairview, Feb. 14.—School is progressing nicely. An interesting program was carried out by the Literary Society Friday afternoon. The subject for debate was "Resolved, That Country Life is More Beneficial than City Life." The affirmative won. The subject for debate February 25 is "Resolved, That wheat is easier produced than corn."

Miss Rosa Houk visited homefolks at Marion Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Dobson and son, George, visited relatives at Old Fort last week.

Misses Dora and Callie Hensley of Harmony Grove were visitors here last Friday.

Edgar Lewis of Marion visited Sam Holland last week.

Misses Rosa Houk and Jessie Dobson were recent visitors to Old Fort.

Farmers are beginning to plow.

Several of our folks attended prayer meeting at Pleasant Hill Sunday.

Marshall Jimerson has moved to the Owensby place near here.

THOMPSON'S FORK

Thompson's Fork, Feb. 14.—Carnor and Frank Patton of Patton was here on business Monday.

A. J. Toney and son, Will, made a business trip to Marion Friday.

Mrs. M. L. Janes visited her parents at Sevier the latter part of last week.

Bruce Tate of Nebo visited his grandmother here one day last week.

Dallas Rowe, who has been engaged in work at Pamersville, is at home for awhile.

J. H. Janes and daughter, Sarah, were in Marion one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Toney of Nebo were

visitors here Saturday and Sunday.

R. L. Toney and J. L. Simmons, who are engaged in work near Marion Junction, visited homefolks Sunday.

F. O. Simmons made a business trip to Marion during the week.

WOODLAWN

Woodlawn, Feb. 14.—School will close in about three weeks. Misses Louise Brown and Belle Hunter have taught a successful term.

Charlie Barnes made a business trip to Johnson City last week.

Ben Wheeler, who has been quite ill with typhoid fever, is improving.

M. L. Good made a business trip to Marion last week.

Harve Huskins and family have moved to the band mill.

Miss Louise Brown spent the week-end with homefolks at Ashford.

W. C. Huskins and son made a business trip to Marion last week.

Farmers have been making good use of the fine weather of the past few days.

HANKINS

Hankins, Feb. 14.—Mills Craig visited relatives in Canton last week.

John Epley has returned to Mascot, Tenn., after spending some time here with homefolks.

H. M. Bigelow of Praise, Ky., is here on a pleasure trip.

Fred Barnes is on the sick list.

J. J. Lewis has completed and moved into his new dwelling near Hankins.

The following is the honor roll for Hankins school: Virgil Morgan, Jack Hemphill, Ben Hemphill, John Bailey, Pearl Lewis, Hessie Whetstille, Gertrude Barnes, Margaret Odom, Annie, Clarence and Finley Burnett, Belle, Minnie and Tate Lentz, Patton Odom, Jack Whetstille, Clara McNeely.

Miss Blanton Entertains.

Miss Nelle Blanton was a charming hostess last Thursday night at an exquisite rose shower luncheon in honor of Miss Moffitte Sinclair, the bride of today. After a progressive card game the party was invited to the dining room, which looked a veritable fairyland with the many roses and rose colored lights. The color scheme being pink, white and buff, the centerpiece was made up of a huge pink crepe rose and who could tell what mysteries lay beneath its folded petals? The place cards were white with pink ribbons, and the favors, pink rosebuds with centers shaded to a deep buff, which was found to be parched almonds. After a dainty salad course in which the color scheme was charmingly carried out even to details, the rose centerpiece was presented by Miss Blanton to the bride, who pulling the petals of the rose apart, found gifts from those present. Never did a rose seem to have so many inside petals of pink and white. While the shower was a miscellaneous one, the majority of the gifts were dainty lingers of either pink or white.

Miss Blanton being being an intimate friend of the bride, is also hostess to two of the charming bridesmaids, guests of honor at the luncheon, Miss Mary Knox Henderson, sister of the groom, and Miss Margaret Jennings, a friend. Those enjoying Miss Blanton's hospitality were Misses Misses Mary Knox Henderson, Margaret Jennings, Rena Neal, Elsie House, Ethel Crawford, Ellen Crawford, Julia Burton, Eva Keeter, Kathryn Lassiter, Helen Alford, Nettie Brogden, Hazel Black, Annie Little, Jennie Davis, Maude Harris.

Vice President Marshall has let it be known that he will stand for renomination if his services are desired.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Another cotton mill, with a capital of \$500,000 is to be built in Gaston county. This will make 66 mills for that county.

The cafe cars attached to trains Nos. 12 and 15, between Salisbury and Asheville, have been replaced by regular dining cars.

The North Carolina Peace Society will hold a meeting in Durham April 1 and President Wilson, ex-President Taft, Gov. Craig and others have been invited to speak.

The largest police docket on record in the history of Asheville was called in that city a few days ago when 92 defendants answered to charges.

The commissioners of Forsyth county have decided to build a hospital for the care of tubercular patients of Winston-Salem and Forsyth county.

The Flagler-Gonzalez Cigar Company proposes to open up a cigar factory at Hickory March 1 to manufacture high-grade hand-made Havana cigars.

Ten children of Fletchers and Fairview, Buncombe county, bitten by a rabies-infected dog last week have gone to Raleigh to be given the Pasteur treatment for the purpose of combatting any possible germs of the canine disease that may have entered their systems.

Three hundred students of Trinity college, virtually three-fourths of the student body, have formed a Wilson-Gardner Democratic club to boost the candidacy of O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, for lieutenant governor and to accord hearty endorsement to the policies of President Wilson.

Hon. Thomas D. Warren, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, has issued a call for the committee to meet in Raleigh Wednesday, March 8. The committee will fix the time and place for the State convention and transact other business of importance to the party.

With the view of engaging in a business enterprise at Tryon, N. C., for the present, and later taking up ministerial work, Rev. W. A. Newell has resigned as president of Weaver college. His resignation was accepted by the board of trustees, and at the faculty election in March it is expected that Rev. J. R. Walker, the vice-president, will be placed at the head of the institution.

Republicans Called to Meet.

By order of the Republican Executive committee, a meeting of the Republicans of McDowell County is hereby called to meet in Marion on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 12 m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the State and Congressional conventions, and to transact any other business that may come before the convention.

The chairman of the several townships will hold their township meetings on Friday, Feb. 25, at 3 p. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the County convention.

By order of the committee,
THOS. MCGUIRE, Sec'y.