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## EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

Garden City School Closes Successful Term—Teachers Normal Course at Nebo.

The school at Garden City closed a very successful term Friday, February 25. In spite of many difficulties, caused by change of principals during the term, the attendance has kept up well, and Miss Houck, the principal, with the other teachers, Misses Williams and Biddix, have much to congratulate themselves for in the attendance, the enthusiasm of the pupils and the good work done for the programs that were given.

The exercises began at 10:30 Friday morning with a recitation contest by six girls. Following is the program:

Tommy's Prayer—Wilmenia Grindstaff.

Sweet Girl Graduate—Rebecca Hennessee.

The Gypsy Flower Girl—Rena Jimeson.

Mrs. Candle's Lecture—Ada Hendley.

Bingin on the Rhine—Estelle Patton.

Ward of the King—Mira Quinn.

All of the girls gave the selections in a very creditable manner but the medal, unfortunately, could go to only one person, so the judges awarded it to Miss Mira Quinn, giving Miss Rena Jimeson honorable mention.

This exercise was followed by a short talk by Rev. L. D. Thompson of Marion, who recommended the next item on the program, dinner, and such a dinner! If the hospitality and bounty of Garden City is to be judged by the dinner served by the housewives of the community, the neighborhood ought indeed to be proud of itself.

The exercises in the afternoon consisted of the following program:

A appeal for Temperance—Reedie Bird.

The Traitor's Deathbed—Melvin Patton.

Speech of Spartacus—Cecil Woody.

The Unknown Rider—Lee Quinn.

The Present Age—Ray Jimeson.

The Raven—Ernest Gibbs.

Wolfcat Quebec—Dillon Woody.

Here again the judges had an exceedingly hard task upon their hands. They finally decided upon Melvin Patton as the winner of the declamation medal, with Lee Quinn as close second. After this program there were interesting talks by Supt. Byron Conley, W. R. Bailey and Rev. L. D. Thompson.

The program at night was an interesting one, consisting of songs, pantomimes, recitations, drills and plays. Among them the Doll Drill, the plays and the class song were especially worthy of mention.

The Teachers' Normal Course will begin at Nebo March 13th. Work for the primary teachers will be a study of the books used in the first three grades, together with the study of methods of teaching, with outlined lessons and demonstration classes. The subjects covered will be Reading, Writing, Spelling, Arithmetic and Language, with Language, Drawing and Handwork for intermediate as well as primary grades. Every teacher, even though a

principal, ought to know something of primary work, therefore all are urged to take at least part of the primary work given in connection with the course offered for intermediate teachers, and the teacher training work given by Mr. Griffin. The teacher training book will be "Charters' Teaching of the Common Branches." All teachers should own this book. Intermediate teachers should bring the books used in those grades.

Primary teachers are requested to bring drawing materials, scissors and the following books and bulletins: How to Teach Reading, Outline Course of Study, Howell's Primer, Howell's First Reader, Graded Classics I, II and III and the Spelling Book.

Rev. Mr. Black to Conduct Series of Meetings Here.

Rev. William Black, of Synodical evangelist, of Charlotte, assisted by his choir leader, Mr. Burr, will begin a series of meetings in Marion on the fourth Sunday in March. The services will be held in the Methodist church. Mr. Black conducted a very successful revival meeting last week in Sanford where he was greeted by large congregations. Referring to the meeting, the Sanford Express says:

"Mr. Black, who is one of the ablest evangelists in the South, has been preaching some of the most powerful sermons ever heard from a Sanford pulpit. While he is severe in his denunciation of sin and vice, yet he is not sensational or abusive in his methods. He sticks to the Bible and the people hear him gladly. He appeals to reason and presents the gospel in a way that carries conviction to the heart. Mr. Black held a meeting here 12 years ago. He has held meetings in most of the counties of the State and in some other States."

Kincaid-Ledbetter.

Mr. T. W. Kincaid and Miss Essie Ledbetter were quietly married Thursday evening at 8 o'clock by Rev. J. C. Story, at the latter's residence. Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Kincaid left on No. 16 for the former's home in Morganton. After spending several days in Morganton Charlotte, they returned to Marion to make this their home.

The bride is a daughter of J. R. Ledbetter of Greenlee. She was reared in Marion and has many friends. The groom is a native of Morganton, but has resided here for several years and holds a position as yard clerk with the Southern Railway Company. He is highly esteemed.

Sans Souci Club Meets

Mrs. D. E. Hudgins was the charming hostess to the Sans Souci Club Friday afternoon. Four tables entered into "108" with much enthusiasm. The score cards were dainty hand-painted Cupies, the work of Miss Gertrude Jones, the precocious young niece of the hostess. After the game an elegant salad course was served, which was followed by ices, cake, mints and bonbons. The color scheme, pink and green, was in evidence on the score cards, as well as in the refreshments. The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey.

## STATE DOCKET FINISHED

John Marsh Acquitted—Two Draw Road Sentences—New Jail Recommended.

The case against John T. Marsh, charged with the murder of J. R. Ray last November, was taken up in Superior court last Thursday morning and ended Thursday night when the jury in the case returned a verdict of not guilty.

The criminal docket was completed last week. Among the cases disposed of are the following:

E. C. Heatherly, obtaining money on worthless check, judgment suspended on payment of costs; Will Taylor, assault with deadly weapon, judgment suspended on payment of costs; John Garrison, false pretence, not guilty; Garfield Gibson, two cases, retailing and assault with deadly weapon, not guilty as to both cases; Tom Hall, assault with deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapon, fined \$5.00 and costs in each case; Jason Rhodes, assault and forcible trespass, judgment suspended upon payment of costs in both cases; James Goodrum, assault with deadly weapon, fined \$15 and costs; Will Harvey, retailing, fined \$25 and costs; Louie Hensley, assault with deadly weapon, judgment suspended on payment of costs; Sam Gardin, larceny, judgment suspended on payment of costs; Grayson Gardin, two cases, larceny, to be hired out by county commissioners; Eliza Craig, destroying fruit trees, judgment suspended upon payment of costs; La Sallow Nichols, carrying concealed weapon, pistol to be sold to pay costs. Frank Ray, for retailing liquor, sentenced to eight months on Transylvania county roads; Will Logan, retailing, fined \$25 and costs; Frank Morphew, giving liquor to minor, fined \$5 and costs; Frank Swepson, retailing, sentenced to eight months on Transylvania county roads; Ernest Saunders, assault, judgment suspended on payment of costs; Marvin Miller, assault with deadly weapon, fined \$10 and costs.

The grand jury made its report Thursday afternoon. The various offices in the court house were reported in good condition. The county home was also reported in excellent condition, the buildings have been recently painted and the farm under cultivation. The jail was reported to be in as good condition as possible under the circumstances, but that room was limited, giving poor ventilation, and the building was considered too small and dilapidated to give proper accommodations. Judge Justice recommended that the commissioners build a new jail.

The country home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Padgett, four miles west of Marion, was the scene of a double wedding Sunday afternoon at five o'clock, when their daughter, Miss Alice, became the bride of J. F. Byrd of this place, and Miss Fannie Elliott, daughter of C. D. Elliott, was united in marriage to Chester Hensley. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. D. Thompson and was witnessed by a number of relatives and friends.

Republicans Meet, Name Delegates and Elect New Chairman.

Under the call of the Republican executive committee, the Republicans of McDowell county met in convention here Saturday with a representative attendance. On motion of J. L. Morgan, Thomas McGuire was made permanent chairman of the convention, and I. H. Green was named secretary, after which delegates were elected to the State convention at Raleigh March 1. Delegates were also elected to the congressional convention as follows: C. C. Lisenbee, W. S. Parker, Geo. I. White, I. H. Green, E. K. Hild, I. W. Saunders, Chas. R. Craig, Garland Williams, E. M. Crawford, T. L. Eppley, W. H. England, A. R. Bird, J. G. Pyatt, Thomas McGuire, E. S. Frisbie, Wm. M. Sweeney, W. M. Pratt, Galand Sparks, J. B. Lonon, C. A. McCall, G. L. Pooteet, W. P. Artz, W. F. McPeeters, Garfield Beaman, Wm. McCall, A. F. Hunt, J. R. Fry, J. F. Parker, J. C. Parker, A. B. Halford, J. L. Hudgins, and J. M. Kanipe.

J. L. Morgan was elected chairman of the executive committee and E. K. Hild, secretary. On motion the convention instructed for T. L. Green, of Waynesville, and Brownlow Jackson, of Hendersonville, as delegates to the national convention at Chicago. Harmony prevailed and after enthusiastic speeches by Attorney C. C. Lisenbee, Sheriff J. A. Laughridge and others the convention adjourned.

## Dairy Schools for McDowell.

Dairy schools for the benefit of farmers, their wives and children of McDowell county will be conducted at Nealsville school house Monday, March 6, and at Garden City school house, Tuesday, March 7, the program beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. This school will be a part of the cooperative extension work in agriculture and home economics being done by the state and United States departments of agriculture, and matters of deep interest will be discussed and demonstrated. During the time attention will be given to testing milk, churning, making butter, and the other important phases of dairy farming.

The ladies are requested to bring lunch.

## Dysartsburg News.

Dysartsburg, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Charlie Gunter of Old Fort visited her parents here recently.

Miss Alice Mangum was shopping in Marion last Monday.

T. B. Landis killed a big four hundred pound hog the 26th.

J. Frank Upton of Rutherford College spent the week-end with homefolks.

Robert Daves lost a fine cow last week.

J. M. Goforth and Key Landis made a business trip to Glen Alpine last Tuesday.

Owing to the pretty spring-like weather the people of this place have been doing quite a little gardening, also the farmers have been busy plowing.

J. S. Upton of Spencer was a pleasant visitor here recently.

Noah Pitts of Glen Alpine was a business visitor here today.

Senators Cummins of Iowa and Burton of Ohio have filed notices in Iowa and Ohio, respectively, of their candidacies for the Republican presidential nomination.

FOR SALE—Baby Cart and Easy-Go. Apply at Progress office.

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The State Press Association will be invited to meet at Lincolnton. Chas. Mace, the Burke county wife murderer, had not been arrested at last account.

The Davie county courthouse at Mocksville was destroyed by fire Monday night. Origin not known. It was built five years ago at a cost of over \$30,000.

The bill to repeal the free sugar clause of the tariff law was favorably reported to the House of Congress Monday by the unanimous vote of the ways and means committee.

O. P. Heath, a prominent business man of Charlotte and a well known cotton buyer, shot and killed himself in his office Monday. Financial reverses and failing health assigned as the cause.

More than 100 men voluntarily helped to build, in Salisbury Saturday, the tabernacle in which Bishop Kilgo will conduct a meeting next month. The timber had been prepared and the work of erection was very nearly finished in one day. The tabernacle will accommodate about 1,500 people.

## Clover.

Under existing conditions in McDowell, it is likely there will be more mammoth or sapling clover sowed than any other biennial clover. Medium or common red makes a finer hay and will be best where the soil is fertile and well limed. Sapling is a more vigorous, rough and ready plant and will be best on thin unlimed soils as it will make more hay and more to turn under. Alsike is the smallest of the three and will thrive where it is too wet and sour for either of the above. The seeds are very small, thus seeding costs less. Besides, it is a very fine honey plant.

## Believed Moonshiners Started Forest Fires.

Forest City, Feb. 26.—News has reached here from the Munford cove that forest fires had been raging in that section for several days. Munford cove is a few miles northwest of this place and it is said that moonshiners are not wholly extinct from that section. It is thought that the fire was started by the illicit whiskey makers, in order to hide their operations. Much valuable timber has already been destroyed, according to reports, and the fire is headed toward new territory.

## Freight Wreck at Hickory.

Said to have been caused by a broken rail, fifteen cars of freight train No. 72 were derailed at a point about two miles east of Hickory at 4:30 o'clock Saturday morning. Most of the cars were full, the majority being coal cars, and the other cars carrying hay. The track was not cleared for twelve hours, but passengers on trains Nos. 15, 36, 22 and 11 were transferred, causing but a comparative slight delay. It is stated that the derailment caused considerable damage.