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TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Interesting Lectures by Men of Authority—Large Attendance—Reception Tuesday Night.

The teachers' institute is still in progress in Marion and will continue till the end of this week. During the past two weeks the teachers have had the opportunity of hearing lectures from men of authority in educational matters. Last week Mr. L. C. Brogden, head of the Department of Rural Supervision in North Carolina, was here two days and gave interesting and inspirational work. The institute was also honored by a visit from the author of several North Carolina and Virginia adopted school books, Mr. Logan D. Howell, who is a former North Carolinian, but now a teacher in New York City. In his naive Southern manner, Mr. Howell told the teachers what he had found to be true of North Carolina and North Carolina teachers as compared to Northern people and Northern teachers.

This week the State Agricultural department has sent two representatives to be with us. On Monday Mr. E. S. Millsaps of Statesville, interestingly outlined the idea for a successful rural school with vocational training for the pupils that fits them for living. On Tuesday belated trains finally brought Mr. T. E. Browne, of the faculty of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of our state, within our midst. Mr. Browne is also head of the Boys' Corn Club and Poultry Club work of the state. The work that he gave the teachers was so thoroughly practical and so full of vital interest that Mr. Browne spoke over an hour the institute would gladly have heard him longer. He showed how we must get back to the soil and for our future development be intimately acquainted with nature in all her mysteries and wonders.

For twelve weeks this normal training for the county teachers has been going on, first at Nebo, then Old Fort and now Marion, the teachers attending the place most suitable. McDowell is distinctive in the fact that we have our corps of resident teachers, and the County Board of Education and County Superintendent believe in training these teachers in order that they may train McDowell's future citizens for the fullest life. The following enrollment of workers shows whether results are expected for another year. At Nebo for five weeks the enrollment was 22. At Old Fort for the same length of time, enrollment 19; for Marion for two weeks, enrollment of workers 24. Two days of this week, Monday and Tuesday, have been general meeting days and the entire teaching force of McDowell was requested to attend. Just how well they met this request of the County Superintendent is shown by an enrollment of 57 teachers on Monday and 60 teachers on Tuesday.

A striking and extremely important feature of the work given in the general session was Supt. I. C. Griffin's study and research work with the teachers of the county McDowell. We want patriotic wide awake "bristling with information about home citizens," and

in no other way can we get it but by a study, knowledge and love of our own county. During the past twelve weeks the teachers have shown a not-to-be mistaken loyalty and we look for a good school year for 1916-17.

Social activities must be a feature of every successful organization. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Realizing this fact the town of Marion on Tuesday night gave the McDowell teachers a reception on the wide porch and spacious lawn of Mr. D. E. Hudgins' residence. Guests were met on the steps by members of the Woman's club of the town. On the side porch Mesdames Hudgins and Griffin dispensed punch and wafers; salted peanuts and mints were also distributed. While social chatter was in full sway, the Marion band from an upper porch played many selections, making us proud of the fact that McDowell county and Marion could boast of a home band.

During the arrival of the guests fair damsels pinned upon every person a tag of either blue, green, yellow or pink. Later in the evening field games were participated in. These games were managed by Messrs. J. E. Kanipe and Byron Conley. One exciting match enthusiasm was "A Rainy Day Race." The contestants provided themselves with an umbrella, and a suit case containing a hat, a rain coat and rubbers. At a given signal the contestants arrayed themselves in this attire, and ran for a given goal, reaching there, these articles were taken off, returned to the suit case and with umbrella closed and suit case in hand the racers ran back to start anew after a few moments breath. The fun was in seeing who got properly attired and therefore able to start off first. There was noisy rooting for the runners of all the colors. For the blue, Miss Blanche Houck was the contestant. For the green, Mr. Will Landis. For the yellow, Miss Daintry Graham, and for the pink, Mr. Berry Hunter. After due time the greens were declared winners. Other games were planned, but it was time for the free moving picture show, made possible by the generosity of several men of the town and the picture man, Mr. Self, so the crowd went down at 10 o'clock to the Grand to enjoy the daring escapades of the "Girl and the Game," a serial now in progress on Tuesday nights.

In the afternoon preceding, the teachers were given an automobile ride. With thanks to the many owners of cars in town there were at least twelve machines at about 4:30 to take the teachers to the cotton mills and other places of interest. Through the kindness of Mr. Hugh Little and others many teachers saw for the first time the complete workings of the busy mills.

The reception at Mr. Hudgins was due to the kindness, generosity and hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Hudgins, the Marion Board of Trade, the Woman's club and the County Board of Education.

If social and business organizations, town and county workers work in unison and feel a common social and business interest, what may we not expect for the future generation in McDowell county?

Gard of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many sympathetic friends for their extreme kindness during our sad bereavement.

C. A. Dale and family.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

THOMPSON'S FORK.

Thompson's Fork, May 1.—George Seagle of Marion made a business trip to this place Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Toney of Nebo visited relatives and friends here the latter part of last week.

Quite a number of the people of this place attended an ice cream supper at the home of Mrs. John Jamison at Nebo last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry Hensley and children of Chapel Hill were the guests of Mrs. D. T. Brown Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Toney visited relatives at Harmony Grove Sunday.

Robert Crawley of Harmony Grove visited relatives here Sunday.

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

J. H. Hemphill visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Vannus Brown of Glenwood was here on business one day last week.

Guy Brown was in Marion last Friday.

Dan Rowe made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

Floy Williams, who has been attending school at Nebo returned to her home near Sugar Hill Saturday. She was accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Ada Wilson.

Quite a number of our people attended the commencement exercises at Nebo Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. M. L. Janes and son, Clayton, made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

DYSARTVILLE

Dysartville, May 2.—Quite a number of the Dysartville folks attended Nebo commencement last week.

Miss Lona Goforth and Crawford Landis are home from school at Nebo.

W. W. Dysart and daughter, Miss Minnie, visited friends here last week.

"Uncle" William Walker has been very sick but is much improved.

Will Landis and Frank Upton are attending the normal in Marion.

Mrs. Zachariah Davis of Marion died April 18. The remains were brought here and interment made in the Methodist cemetery. She leaves a husband. She had no children.

L. W. Price made a business trip to Marion Monday.

W. H. Taylor and T. B. Landis made a business trip to Marion Monday.

Prof. J. F. Parker and Misses Maggie and Mamie Goforth attended the teachers' meeting in Marion Monday and Tuesday.

W. L. Kirksey of Morganton visited relatives here last week.

STROUDTOWN

Stroudtown, May 2.—Mrs. Jay Jimmerson died Friday and was buried at Stroud's Chapel Sunday. She is survived by her husband, two daughters and four sons. Rev. Story conducted the funeral services.

Ben Hawkins spent Sunday in Stroudtown.

Mrs. John Pool has been quite ill for several days.

Miss Hattie Tate of Greenlee is visiting relatives here.

Martin Curtis is reported very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Poteat spent Sunday with homefolks.

Bora, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Earley, May 1st, a son.

Memorial Day.

Memorial Day will be celebrated at the court house May 10th, at 10:30 a. m. The local chapter U. D. C. most cordially invite all veterans and those interested to the exercises. There will be short talks by members of the local bar, recitation by Miss Harris, and a memorial for three veterans who have "passed over the river" since last May. At the conclusion of the program a bountiful dinner will be served by the daughters to the veterans. At 2:30 graves in the cemetery will be decorated.

U. D. C. District Convention.

The First District convention of the U. D. C. held in Asheville last Friday was a brilliant success. The first is the most important U. D. C. district in Western North Carolina. There were eighty-five delegates present when Mrs. J. W. Pless, the district leader, called the meeting to order: Educational work was the keynote of this meeting. It was stated that North Carolina has more than \$60,000 invested in free scholarships and that the First district leads North Carolina in scholarships provided and used.

This district includes Asheville, Brevard, Hendersonville, Marion, Dillsboro and Waynesville. The reports from all the chapters were good. There are only two children's chapters in the district and the John Alexander Fleming Chapter, of which Mrs. J. L. C. Bird is leader, was the only one with a report.

Mrs. James M. Gudger, Jr., appealed to the daughters for funds to place a memorial window in the Red Cross building at Washington, dedicated to the Women of the Confederacy.

Mrs. Pless appointed a committee of three to secure better text books for school children of the State. Mrs. Charles Malcolm Platt is chairman of the committee, with Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey and Mrs. L. E. Fisher as associate members.

The delegates were tendered a delightful luncheon at the Langren hotel and, after the business session in the afternoon, a reception at the home of Mrs. E. B. Glenn, president of the Asheville chapter. In the receiving line were Mrs. E. B. Glenn, Mrs. E. C. Chambers, Mrs. J. W. Pless, Mrs. Locke Craig, Mrs. J. M. Gudger, Jr., and Mrs. Thos. J. Woodridge.

The delegates from the McDowell chapter were Mesdames Minnie Blanton, A. Blanton, E. B. Baber, B. G. Carr, J. C. Gilkey, J. Q. Gilkey, H. H. Tate, G. S. Kirby, H. F. Little, J. L. B. Bird, J. E. Neal, J. W. Pless, and Miss Rena Neal.

New Registration Not Required for Coming Primary of June 3.

The registration books for the approaching primary of June 3rd opened last Thursday morning and will remain open until sundown of May 20. A new registration is not required for the primary. All voters who were on the books at the last primary and are not otherwise disqualified will be entitled to cast a ballot in the coming primary.

The registration books will receive their largest accession of new names during the period between now and May 20 from the ranks of young men who have attained their majority since the last registration. There is also the inevitable number of new registrations necessary for those who have moved from one precinct to another one since the last registration, as well as those who have registered before but who have come from other states and have lived in their precinct the required two years before they are entitled to vote.

The Clinchfield school will give an entertainment at the Clinchfield school Saturday night, May 6. An admission fee of five and ten cents will be charged.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The Sylvan Valley News, one of the best weeklies in the State, published at Brevard, has been sold by Ora L. Jones to Noah M. Hollowell, the transfer becoming effective May 1. Mr. Jones retains the job printing end of the business. The new venture will no doubt prove successful and the boys should receive a full share of prosperity.

Maj. W. A. Graham has compiled a list of figures showing that Durham is the richest of the counties in taxable property, its personality of \$12,219,858 and its realty of \$13,225,883 naming a total of \$25,445,741 against Forsyth's close \$25,264,679. In land valuations Gaston leads with \$22.59 an acre and Durham with \$22.19 comes second.

The commencement at Rutherford College embraces May 7-10. Y. M. C. A. sermon Sunday, May 7, 8 p. m., Rev. Albert Sherrill of Rutherfordton; annual concert, May 8, 8:30; commencement sermon 11 a. m., May 9, Rev. John F. Kirk, Statesville. Graduating exercises Wednesday, 10th. Commencement address by Rev. R. T. Vann, D. D., Raleigh, and alumni address by Rev. W. B. West, Charlotte.

Death of Mrs. C. A. Dale.

Mrs. C. A. Dale died at her home on Garden street Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at the age of 68. Death was due to concussion of the brain and followed an illness of only a few hours. Mrs. Dale had been in unusually good health, and her sudden passing was a grievous shock to her family and friends. The deceased was a loyal and devoted member of the Methodist church and had many friends who will learn of her death with sorrow.

The deceased is survived by her husband, three sons and three daughters: Conley Dale of this place, Lee Dale of Asheville and Charles Dale of Rock Hill, S. C.; Mrs. Eva Brown, Mrs. Clarence Wilcox and Mrs. Robert Shuford of this place, also one brother, G. W. Conley of Woodlawn.

The funeral services were held at the residence Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by her pastor, Rev. L. D. Thompson, and interment followed at Oak Grove cemetery.

Among relatives and friends attending the funeral from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Dale, Mrs. Jack Edwards and Mrs. R. S. Finley, of Asheville; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. McCall, of Biltmore; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Conley, of Woodlawn, and Charles Dale, of Rock Hill, S. C.

Agreement on Army Bill.

A regular standing army of 180,000 men at peace strength has practically been decided upon by the Senate and House conferees. With the plans for expansion as provided in the Senate bill, this would produce an army of about 250,000 men in war strength. The Senate bill fixed the peace strength at 250,000 men.