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EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

Cooperation Between Parent and Teacher Important for Good Results—School Notes.

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The month of September is epochal in the lives of many thousand potential men and women in the "second age." For the first impression of life and for the earliest training to meet its exigencies the home is responsible; the school for the second. It is natural that the closest sympathy and cooperation should exist between the parents who now deliver over the children of tenderest years to the discipline of the school room, and the teachers who receive the trust and become to a great extent responsible for the spiritual, mental and physical development of the incoming multitude.

Those parents who deal most thoughtfully and intelligently with their children's teachers and exercise most effort to cooperate in their plans will secure the best results in their children's advancement. The teacher is a specialist, is employed as such, and should be so regarded. The teacher who is most clearly conscious of her responsibility gives the most earnest study to the personalities committed to her care, and seeks most earnestly to forward the solicitous wishes of the parents for the best good of their children will make the most lasting impression upon her pupils.

Methods in education, as in industry and science, change with the progress of time. The best methods can be determined only by experiment, and the educator is justified in expecting the patient cooperation of the public in his experimentation. The oldest is not always the most trustworthy, and "the world does move."

Remember the Minstrel show and Basket Supper at the Nebo High School, Friday evening, Sept. 29, at 8:30. The cause is good and the entertainment will be worthy of the cause.

There will be a Methods Class at the Marion Graded School building on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 11 a.m. All county teachers who are in charge of primary grades from 1st to 4th inclusive are requested to attend.

All honor to those committeemen who clean the school building and put it in thorough repair for the new teacher or the new term. There is oil at the Superintendent's office for the clean floors. A fresh building suggests to both teachers and pupils careful treatment and tasteful advancement.

Combles Taken by Allies.

London, Sept. 26.—Combles, the pivotal point in the German line guarding the approach to Bapaume, on the north and Peronne, on the south of the Somme front, has fallen before the terrific attacks of the French and British, the Germans fighting to the death or surrendering when there was no longer hope.

A dispatch from Athens, via London, says Greece is on the eve of joining in war on the side of the allies.

Plan Credit Union Associations for McDowell County.

Prof. W. B. Camp, of the Division of Markets and Rural Credits, will meet the following appointments in this county for the purpose of organizing rural credit associations:

Glenwood, October 6, at 10 a.m.
Belfont, October 6, at 7 p.m.

What is a credit association or union? It is a savings bank in the county that receives deposits from anyone and makes loans to worthy members. Mr. E. E. Culbreth said at the farmers' institute at Glenwood that among many other good things a credit union does the following: 1. Provides a safe place for money. 2. Promotes thrift and savings habit among men, women and children of the community. 3. Brings out and develops personal resources. 4. Teaches better business methods. 5. Connects community with city bank. 6. Provides means for buying dairy cattle and breeding stock. 6. Helps in various club work. 8. Makes healthier and happier community. 9. Helps to develop community resources generally.

If a credit union did nothing but that given under Nos. 2 and 4, would it not be well worth while? Said Sir Horace Plunkett, the great leader of agriculture in Ireland: "Better business must precede and form the basis of better farming and better living." And we know that one of our great needs is to learn the habit of thrift and saving, and this is best learned while young.

John Sprunt Hill of Durham, who spent one year in Europe studying credit associations, said: "The regeneration of agriculture in Europe has been brought about more by local credit unions than any other one agency. Today there are 17,000 credit unions in Germany and it is generally admitted that the strength of the German nation is due more to its 17,000 credit unions than to any military organization it may have." These rural savings banks are found all over Europe and are the very foundation of the great financial strength of the nations at war.

Is not the biggest and most worth while work idea in North Carolina today that of developing the community, the community spirit and the community resources. Realizing how very important this is the University of North Carolina has an expert who devotes his entire time to this work. John Sprunt Hill says that credit unions have proved to be the greatest factor known for the development of the community. Does your community need to be improved? Will you do your part?

Miss Daintry Graham, who is teaching school at Graphiteville, district No. 5, spent Saturday in Marion. Miss Graham is much interested in the community fair which it is planned to hold there about October 20th. The premium list will be announced soon.

Among the out-of-town attorneys in attendance upon court during the week were Hon. W. C. Newland of Lenoir, Judge Henry B. Stevens of Asheville, J. J. McLaughlin of Johnson City, Tenn., and E. F. Watson of Burnsville.

ANOTHER SAD TRAGEDY

Sam Proctor, Shooting at Misher Curtis, Accidentally Kills 9-Year-Old Boy.

A tragic shooting affair occurred in the Marion cotton mill section last Sunday afternoon, when Sam Proctor, a young white man, accidentally shot and killed Jesse E. Martin, a nine-year-old boy, while attempting to shoot Misher Curtis.

According to reports, Proctor and Curtis several days ago had some misunderstanding and quarreled. Proctor, who was a clerk in Page & Atkins store, entered the store Sunday afternoon. He was followed by Curtis and his two brothers, who attempted to force their way into the store. Proctor then shot at Misher Curtis, slightly wounding him and accidentally killing the young boy, who was standing nearby.

Proctor surrendered and was placed in jail to await trial.

Jesse Martin was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Martin, who recently moved to the Clinchfield mill settlement from Union Mills. The body of the young boy was sent to Union Mills for burial.

A New Town Appears Near Bridgewater.

Morganton, Sept. 21.—That the Southern Power Company's developments at Bridgewater are taking on big proportions is shown by the removal of the company's entire office force and fixtures from here to the works near Bridgewater today, where quite a town has sprung up within the last few weeks and hundreds of men employed.

A rumor, which seems just as likely to materialize as did the rumors of last year in regard to the present work, is that the Southern Power Company contemplates the purchase of the entire Catawba Valley from the bridge just below Morganton up to the present holdings at Bridgewater. This would give an enormous area and would include the waters of Upper Creek, Silver Creek, and Muddy Creek, three of Catawba's largest tributaries in this section, and would require land purchases in the neighborhood of a million dollars, and it has already been determined that a dam at the lower bridge site would cover more than any site on the Catawba River, as the land for ten miles above could be covered with a dam less than one-fourth of a mile in length.

Linney Speaks in Marion.

Frank A. Linney, Republican candidate for governor, spoke here Tuesday afternoon to a large audience at the court house. Mr. Linney is a clever speaker and he was frequently applauded.

Mr. Linney's speech was along the same trend as at other places in the state where he has spoken. He discussed State issues, taking up the educational system in North Carolina, saying that it was deficient in that it did not give to every child in the State the same opportunity, and accused the Democrats of bad management of the State's finances.

Services at St. John's church next Sunday at 7:45 p.m.

Court Proceedings.

The following cases were disposed of in Superior court last week:

B. L. Pruitt, larceny, not guilty. Lawrence Brown, resisting officer, sentenced to four months on roads.

E. Thomas, carrying concealed weapon, fined \$20 and costs. Gus Forney and Cliff Ashe, retailing, fined \$20 each and costs.

W. H. Long, false pretense, fined \$20 and costs. James Harris, disturbing religious congregation, fined \$25 and costs.

Ed. Rutherford, retailing, sentenced to four months on the roads of Transylvania county, with capias to issue Sept. 25.

Bert Dupree, housebreaking, judgment suspended on payment of cost. Pearce Jackson, manufacturing liquor, sentenced to 12 months on roads of Transylvania county.

J. L. Carroll, failing to pay board bill, not guilty. Sam Jackson, larceny, not guilty.

Robert Johnson, robbery, sentenced to four months in jail or labor on Transylvania county roads. Alf Boyce, attempted abortion, sentenced to one year in State prison.

In the case of N. C. Bessemer company vs Hutton & Bourbons, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$300 and costs; N. C. Bessemer company vs J. R. McNeely et al judgment for plaintiff for \$1300.

In the case of the Southern Railway vs McCall Bros. the plaintiff was awarded the sum of \$76.39.

The case of Bond Adams vs Andy Bartlett was compromised.

The case of E. M. Hennefer vs Loan and Guarantee company was referred to W. B. Gaither.

Max Wiese was granted a divorce from his wife, Mrs. Victoria Wiese.

Mineral Exhibit at The State Fair.

At the State Fair at Raleigh, October 16th to 21st, inclusive, the following awards are offered:

Best systematic collection of minerals from North Carolina, not less than 100 specimens, labeled with name and locality, Gold medal.

Best collection of gems from North Carolina, Silver medal.

Best collection of minerals and rocks made by any pupil of a public school, specimens to be labeled with name and locality, \$2.00.

Best collection of minerals made by a child under thirteen, specimens to be labeled with name and locality, \$1.00.

Best systematic collection of rocks from North Carolina, not less than 50 specimens labeled with name and locality, Silver medal.

We believe that many of the school children, particularly in Western North Carolina, will be interested in competing for these awards. The exhibits should be sent, transportation charges prepaid, to Joseph Hyde Pratt, Director, Department N, Machinery Hall, Fair Grounds, Raleigh, N.C.

The fountain pen contest announced by the Davis Pharmacy will no doubt interest all school boys and girls. Read the advertisement in this paper and enter the contest.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Hon. Claude Kitchin will speak in Morganton October 3d.

A 10-year-old boy died at Spartanburg, S. C., of hydrocephalus. He was bitten by a cat two months ago.

The contract has been let for the erection of a tourist hotel on the old Kenilworth Inn site at Asheville. The building will cost about \$250,000.

The Jewish Orthodox synagogue at Asheville was totally destroyed by fire Monday night. The loss is placed at \$9,000 with small insurance.

The business section of Hiddenite, Alexander county, about 16 miles north of Statesville and on the railroad between Statesville and Taylorsville, was practically wiped out of existence by fire Thursday afternoon, entailing a property loss estimated at \$30,000 to \$40,000.

Greatly enlarged facilities for repairing cars at Spencer, one of the most important car repairing points on the system, will be constructed at once by the Southern Railway to consist of a new all steel car shed 109 feet by 600 feet with a shop adjoining 50 feet by 100 feet.

Phosphate and Lime.

It has been well proven both by experiment and farm practice that practically all soils in the eastern states are lacking in phosphorus or phosphates as we commonly say. The results of some long time experiments with phosphates conducted by the Massachusetts Experiment Station have recently been published and are very interesting and valuable. An average application of \$3.27 worth of acid phosphate per acre each year for 18 years gave an average annual profit of \$34.47 over the check plot that had no phosphate. The large profit is due in part to the fact that some years onions and other truck crops were planted. But in every case the profit per dollar invested was over 100%. The increase in the corn crop from the use of phosphate was valued at more than \$9.00 per acre.

But we need not go so far off. Our own station finds that phosphate is necessary for the most profitable farming in North Carolina. Practical and successful farmers in McDowell say they cannot farm without phosphate. A mixture of vetch, rye and bur clover on G. C. Conley's farm made 40 times as much with 300 lbs 16% acid phosphate per acre as was made where no phosphate was applied. This is an increase of 3900%. Some profit. In view of the above facts can we not safely say that McDowell County is not using enough phosphate.

From an application of two tons of ground limestone per acre the Ohio station obtained an increased yield of corn and wheat worth \$12.00 when corn was valued at 80 cents per bushel. At present prices the increase would be worth at least \$24.00 and the two tons lime would cost from \$4.00 to \$6.00, depending upon whether or not it was bought in bags.