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## GRADED SCHOOL OPENS; USUAL ENROLLMENT

All Things Bid Fair for Excellent Year's Work—Rural Schools Doing Good Work.

The Marion Graded school opened last Monday with about the usual enrollment for the first week. The enrollment will be increased each week for sometime. The school has been organized and the classes are at work and all things bid fair for an excellent year's work. The standard of work required has been raised, and a higher grade of scholarship will be required for promotion in all classes.

The failure of a large number of the students to be promoted at the close of last session has impressed the student with the necessity for greater effort and closer application. The faculty are very much in earnest about their work and with the cooperation of the parents a most excellent year's work will be accomplished.

A science course of study has been introduced into the curriculum and a laboratory outfit for the same has been ordered. A coat of Alabastine to the walls of the class rooms has improved the appearance and added to the comfort of the rooms.

The Clinchfield Mill school opened Monday with the following teachers on duty: Miss Marie Moss, principal; Misses Cassie Patton, Effie Hicks and Mae McCurry, assistants. The school opened with the largest initial enrollment since its establishment. The teachers are taking the school census this year. This enables the teacher to visit each home in the community, thereby getting acquainted with the parents of the children.

The school has outgrown its present quarters. Mr. Little, superintendent of the mill, will erect a modern building at the earliest possible date. The plans for the building have been drawn. The brick are on the ground and as soon as the other material can be secured the actual construction of the building will begin. It will be thoroughly modern in every respect; steam heat, electric lights and individual furniture.

The Marion Mill school opened Monday with Miss Delia Gibbs as principal and Misses Jennie Whitson and Mattie Tate, assistants. They are all teachers of several years' experience and training. The local authorities are co-operating in every way possible to make the school a success. Prospects are bright for the best school ever conducted at this place.

Stroudtown school is making great progress with Mr. Alonzo Davis as principal and Misses Dora and Nelle Gibbs, assistants. The enrollment has already passed the high water mark of any previous year and more students are coming in daily. The teachers and students are taking much interest in improving the building and grounds. Curtains and shades have been provided for the class rooms and the campus has been cleared of all weeds, rocks and rubbish.

An ice cream supper will be given Friday evening, Sept. 21. The teachers and students are planning for a jolly, good time on this

occasion. The proceeds will be used for school purposes. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Supt. N. F. Steppe has been visiting the rural schools for the past several weeks. He states that the schools, without a single exception, are doing very satisfactory work. The teachers and pupils seem to be greatly interested in the work. A number of schools have made considerable improvement in the condition of school grounds. Several are making additions to library and school equipment. Mr. Steppe states that the outlook is exceedingly bright for a very prosperous school year.

Several schools are making a serious mistake, he thinks, in stopping the school for fodder pulling. This not only disorganizes the school, but the pupils and teachers often lose interest in the work after a several weeks' suspension of the school and its activities. It has been found by experiment that the farmer does not gain by pulling the fodder, since he loses as much in the weight of his corn as the worth of the fodder would amount to if left on the stalk.

A new school building for the colored race, in district No. 2, Old Fort, is in course of construction. The building is a neat two-room structure, built on the brow of a hill. It will be very attractive when completed. The colored folks of the district made it possible to have the building by helping with a very liberal donation toward the cost. They are taking great interest in school matters.

### Greenlee-Ryals.

The county friends of Mr. Edward T. Greenlee, who visited relatives here several times while manager for the American Naval Stores Co., of Savannah, will probably be interested in the following extract from The Savannah Morning News:

Miss Mary Louise Ryals and Edward T. Greenlee were married in Washington, D. C., Sunday evening, Sept. 2nd, at 6 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. W. T. Ware, whom she was visiting. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. S. Dunlap, rector of St. John's Episcopal church.

Mrs. Greenlee is the daughter of the late Maj. and Mrs. G. M. Ryals and a sister of Mrs. W. D. Champion and Sidney G. Ryals, of Savannah. Also of Edwin C. Ryals of Richmond, Va., and James W. Ryals, of New Orleans.

Mr. Greenlee has been department manager of the local office of the Columbia Naval Stores Co., for some time, but has recently been assigned the management of the Chicago branch of the same house.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenlee left immediately after the ceremony for Chicago, where they will make their home for the present.

Superior court convened Monday with Judge Ferguson presiding and Solicitor Schenck prosecuting on behalf of the State. J. F. Wilson was made foreman of the grand jury with T. L. Epley as officer in charge. The criminal docket was completed yesterday morning and a recess taken until Thursday morning at 9 o'clock when the civil docket will be taken up.

## M'DOWELL COUNTY MEN OFF TO CAMP

Forty Men, Constituting County's Second Quota for New Army, Leave for Camp Jackson.

On Wednesday morning of this week the county exemption board sent forty men to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., these men constituting the second quota from McDowell county for the new national army. The men left here yesterday morning at 7:35 o'clock with Von Ray in charge and Seagle Halliburton as assistant. A large crowd of friends and relatives assembled at the station to bid them farewell and God-speed. The following men compose the forty per cent of the county's quota:

458 Edwin Booth Brinkley, Nebo.  
676 Wates Burnett, Old Fort.  
1185 William E. Conley, Marion.  
126 Robert Rayburn, Nealsville  
373 George Clingman Crawford, Sugar Hill.  
437 Fessie Bartlett, Little Switzerland.  
43 Clyde Vernon Duval, Dysartsville.  
924 Claud M. Laughridge, Marion.  
10 Daniel Vaughn, Marion.  
1236 Daye Shehan, Marion.  
601 Grover Thomas Cooper, Marion.  
1103 B. Garland Walsh, Marion  
1020 James E. Hicks, Marion.  
772 Dallas McCurry, Old Fort.  
982 Noah Pope, Marion.  
966 Frank Kaylor, Marion.  
939 Samuel Edwin Proctor, Marion.  
379 George Hall, Sevier.  
874 Hampton Morgan, Marion  
1195 Joe D. Blackwell, Marion.  
675 Augustus Turner, Old Fort  
905 Edward Avery Norton, Marion.  
355 Robert Hensley, Sugar Hill  
530 Samuel Carl McNeeley, Nebo.  
1211 Horace Edgar Blackwell, Marion.  
1132 Roby Alexander Webb, Nebo.  
1032 Seagle W. Halliburton, Marion.  
269 William Edgar Lowery, Pitts.  
919 James Henry Owensby, Marion.  
341 John Connor, Fairview.  
1007 Von T. Ray, Marion.  
112 Joe Mostiller, Nealsville.  
1067 Guthrie G. Gladden, Marion.  
900 Walter E. Laughridge, Marion.  
363 Marion Onslow Hawkins, Marion.  
93 Herbert Carson Mangum, Dysartsville.  
154 William Shuford, Garden City.  
773 Will Manley, Graphiteville  
470 Ernest McDowell Cuthbertson, Marion.  
383 Kelsey Hoppes, Woodlawn

Four of the men ordered to report failed to appear and alternates were selected to in their place. The four who failed to be on hand yesterday morning are William Floyd Stroud, Dome; Charlie Weldon Ledbetter, Dome; Lancelot Davis, Bat Cave, and Johnson Hollifield, who will be sent to camp later in the week.

## Four Dead and Heavy Property Loss From Floods.

Goldsboro, N. C., Sept. 15.—An entire freight train on the Atlantic Coast Line was engulfed in the flood today when the engine and nine cars ran into a washout between Goldsboro and Wilmington. The death of flagman Henry T. Moore in the wreck brought the total known fatalities in the flood up to four. Engineer T. A. Lawther and the fireman on the freight train were seriously injured.

Several miles of the road bed has been demolished by the flood waters.

The rain fall here tonight continued. Streams are rising at the alarming rate of one foot an hour.

More houses and crops were swept away this afternoon. Whole families who fled to high ground were cared for in more fortunately situated homes. Hundreds of families have seen their property saving of years wiped out.

Stoney Creek here assumed the proportions of a river driving residents on the outskirts of the city from their houses. The floods are general throughout eastern Carolina.

The business sections of Goldsboro, Kinston and other North Carolina cities are inundated to a depth of from two to six feet. Communication with many districts is entirely cut off. Disastrous washouts on railroads are feared.

Narrow escapes and heroic rescues abound. Two milk wagons were swept through Kinston's streets, the drivers barely escaping drowning. The known dead are two aged negroes here, Edmund Frizzelle, an aged white who endeavored to ford a swollen creek, and Engineer Lawther.

Greene county reports heavy damage to buildings and a number of factories threatened by the rising waters.

## A Garden for Every Home Twelve Months in Year.

Raleigh, Sept. 15.—The City of Raleigh has planned to make itself a model for the cities and towns of North Carolina in the matter of gardens, having taken as a motto "A garden for every home 12 months in the year." For the accomplishment of its purposes, two trained women have been employed as garden supervisors, and a course in elementary agriculture has been introduced in the city schools.

The Chamber of Commerce, through its food committee, has been promoting this plan, and has distributed, through the cooperation of Boy Scouts, a garden schedule for the fall months, a copy of this schedule being placed in each of the 4,100 homes in the city.

A number of North Carolina cities are urging utilization of fall and winter gardens, but so far as is known no other city has taken such well-directed, systematic and effective steps in this direction as has the City of Raleigh.

Thos. McGuire, who was appointed to take the school census for the Marion graded school, has completed his work. His figures for the year 1917 show that there are 516 persons in the city between the ages of 6 and 21 years, compared with 452 two years ago, or a gain of 64.

## RED CROSS WORK MUST NOT CEASE

Too Many Bandages and Too Much Material is Impossible—More Money and Auxiliaries Needed.

Willis J. Milner, associate director of the Red Cross, Southern division, urges the Chapters to increase interest in the work in every way. Mr. Milner said, "As the war progresses the work will become more and more important. From many chapters we get letters stating they have completed large numbers of garments and surgical dressings, but they do not want to make too much of any one thing. I want to emphasize that will be almost impossible to produce more than is needed in the way of surgical dressings and hospital supplies, and knitted articles. To emphasize this fact he quoted from a letter received from a Red Cross nurse in France: "What are you women doing for the Red Cross? If you could only spend a week visiting the hospital here and see the great need for dressings and all kinds of hospital supplies, you would think no sacrifice too great for you to make to further this work. We are having to use strips of linen for bandages and just any thing we can get hold of. For God's sake interest the women in your section in this work and ship over more supplies."

The Marion Chapter is making supplies as fast as possible with the few workers it has been able to interest in this work, and hopes to ship a box of supplies soon, but in order to continue to make dressings and hospital supplies it is necessary to have more money to carry on this work. The Chapter has spent about all the money now on hand for material and surely there are a number of people in this county ready and willing to donate more funds to this cause.

Anyone wishing to make donations are requested to see Mr. Winborne, Mrs. Winborne or Mrs. Beaman.

MORE AUXILIARIES NEEDED.

The Marion Chapter of the Red Cross wants an Auxiliary in every community in this county. If your community hasn't one organize one at once. Don't put it off until some more convenient time. There is always some one person needed to start things moving, and that some one is you. If you belong to the sewing club turn it into a Red Cross unit. If you belong to a bridge club or a reading club, turn it into a Red Cross unit. Or just a group of neighbors is a nucleus for organizing a unit. It is also desired to have an auxiliary in every church in the county. The churches in many instances are the first to organize under the banner of the Red Cross to do God's work in the war. Organize your unit and write to Mrs. Burton, secretary of the Marion Chapter of the Red Cross.

Officers J. P. Ray, W. W. Neal, Byron Conley and G. W. Duncan brought in a blockade distillery Tuesday night which they captured near the Mashburn place, two miles from Old Fort. About 500 gallons of beer was destroyed. The still was a galvanized affair, which had a capacity of about 65 gallons. No arrests were made.