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## COUNTY SCHOOL MATTERS

District Meetings of Teachers Arranged for Marion, Old Fort, Nebo, Glenwood and Pitts.

Instead of holding all teachers' meetings at the county seat this year, Supt. N. F. Steppe has worked out a plan calling district meetings in the central and convenient locations in different parts of the county. The schedule of meetings as now arranged provides for meetings at Marion, Old Fort, Nebo, Glenwood and Pitts.

The first meeting is set for Saturday, October 6, at 10 o'clock, in the auditorium of the graded school building at Old Fort. All teachers in the townships of Old Fort, Crooked Creek and Broad River have been notified and are expected to attend. The program of this meeting will be published in full in the next issue of *The Progress*.

The district meeting is growing in favor all over the State, owing to its great advantage over central meetings of all townships held at the county seat. It is convenient for the teachers, since the meeting is carried to the teachers, the teachers not to the meeting. It is of more practical help to the teachers since the number present is not so large, enabling each teacher to have a place on the program. The questions for discussion are usually local and are of more practical aid to the teachers in each particular district.

A central meeting of all districts will very probably be held in Marion just before the meeting of the State Assembly in November. Questions of school interest and importance will be discussed in this meeting.

The program and date of each meeting will be published in advance in the county papers.

Several schools are in the race to win the large colored map of the United States offered by Congressman Zebulon Weaver. The only condition is that the school winning the map must be the school enrolling the highest percentage of its school census. One school is making an effort to enroll every boy and girl in the district.

Glenwood school is behind a Community day and fair for that neighborhood. Glenwood is the center of one of the most prosperous and progressive sections in McDowell county. The school is doing good work and the people are proud of it. With the proper co-operation of the people and the school a community fair will be held in that neighborhood that will result in such good as cannot be estimated in dollars and cents.

Miss Annie F. Brown, travelling representative of the Lend-a-Hand Book Mission, of Boston, Mass., spent several days here last week visiting and inspecting the county schools. She expressed herself as greatly pleased with the work the schools seem to be doing. As a result of Miss Brown's visit several schools will secure handsome and valuable libraries, gifts from the mission which she represents. The names of the schools will be published later.

FROM MARION JUNCTION.  
There will be an entertainment

for the public at Marion Junction school building on Friday evening, Oct. 26, given by the students of the Marion Junction school. No admission fee will be charged as it will be a great get-together occasion for all the patrons of the school.

The students of the Marion Junction school have organized themselves into the Busy Bees for Betterment club. Miss Charlene Brown as Queen Bee will direct the energies and preside over each meeting of the club. Miss Jennie Conley as News Bee will keep the records and report all important doings of the busy workers. Miss Myrtle Finley as Humming Bee will plan programs for the meetings especially in regard to selections in music. Miss Edna Brown as Swarming Bee will work for new members. Miss Louise Finley as Stinging Bee will act as critic and report any suggestions to be made for a better way of doing things in the club. Every member of the B. B. B. is pledged to sting to death any drone who chances to get in the hive.

Friday was clean-up day at Marion Junction. Briars were cut and stumps removed much to the improvement of the play ground.

## Home Guard Companies.

The North Carolina Council of Defence, in session in Raleigh, received from Gov. Bickett and Adjutant General Young a careful outline of plans for the immediate formation of Home Guard companies throughout the State to take the place of the North Carolina National Guard now in Federal service. The plan is for the formation of local companies composed of carefully selected men from among volunteers, men who can be depended upon as able to control themselves under trying conditions, and of mature judgment and dependability.

The Federal government is to provide the arms for these organizations but not uniforms or other equipment. The Governor will issue the commissions to officers just as National Guard commissions are issued, with Federal as well as State obligations.

The companies will be organized through a selective draft under the old North Carolina law that empowers the Governor to draft citizens for emergency period service. The Governor proposes to name a committee in each county to select the men best equipped for the service to be rendered. Some of the smaller counties will have an organization of say 25 men and in the larger centers organizations will be composed of very many more men, organized under strictly military auspices.

The Governor has issued a proclamation calling for 5,000 men, between the ages of 31 and 45, for the home guard companies.

## War Deficiency Measure Passed.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Without a roll call and brief debate the senate late today passed the eight billion dollar war deficiency appropriation bill. Nearly \$800,000,000 was added to the measure as it came from the house, and it now goes to conference.

There will be a box supper at Nebo school house next Saturday night for the benefit of the school.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

### TOM'S CREEK.

Tom's Creek, Sept. 19.—Last Sunday was Decoration Day at Hicks' Chapel and a large crowd was present.

The school at Tom's Creek is making favorable progress with Miss Sue Conley as teacher. Both teacher and pupils are taking great interest in their work and are trying to make this a banner year in the history of Tom's Creek school. Supt. N. F. Steppe visited our school recently and made a pleasant talk.

F. A. Hall returned Thursday from Black Mountain where he has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. L. Nanney.

J. W. Harris made a business trip to Marion, Monday.

Mrs. N. A. Riddle is visiting at the home of F. A. Hall.

Mrs. J. S. Beard and children of Marion spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hensley.

John Stroud, Jr., of Gova, S. C., is visiting relatives here.

A. M. Hensley is attending court in Marion this week.

Misses Daisy and Gertrude Barnes were the guests of Miss Edith Stroud Wednesday.

A. M. Hensley is constructing a large barn.

The present prospect for a good corn crop is very encouraging.

### CAMP CREEK

Camp Creek, Sept. 24.—Rev. F. L. Simmons made a business trip to Glenwood Monday.

Misses Dora Hensley, Annie Bowman, Rosa Holland and Hattie Simmons were shopping in Marion one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bowman and little daughter visited relatives in Marion Sunday.

Marion Simmons spent last week in Glenwood.

Following is the honor roll for the primary department of the Harmony Grove school for the first month. First grade: Pauline Richie, Carrah Hensley, Clyde Pyatt, Hermon Snipes, Alvin Banks and C. B. Crawley. Second grade: Eula Hensley, Blanche Huskins, Carl Holland and Horace Norton. Third grade: Cathleen Rowe, Annie Dyson, Lennie Simmons, Pearl Bowman, Pearl Simpson, Everette Lawing, Shannon Simmons and Ertley Holland. Fourth grade: Hoke Simpson.

## Save a Supply of Good Seed.

Raleigh, Sept. 24.—The first week in October has been designated by the Farm Demonstration workers as "Seed Saving Week." During that time the Demonstration Agents and other members of the staff of the Agricultural Extension Service will urge the importance of saving seed of various kinds for use next season. Mr. Hudson, Chief of the Division of Farm Demonstration, pronounces this as an absolutely important piece of work, inasmuch as there is a shortage of imported seed, and because of the fact that home-grown seed, when properly selected from good varieties, is better adapted to local conditions of soil and climate. The price of all imported seed is likely to be excessively high another season.

Farmers should save their own seed in order to have them when planting time arrives and not have to depend on buying seed, which may not be obtainable at any price. It is of extreme importance, therefore, that every farmer who has good seed of any crop to give this matter his close consideration.

It is expected that many thousand bushels of seed will be saved and properly stored during the week.

## The New Road to Linville Falls.

The new automobile highway from Linville Falls station, on the C. C. & O. railway, to Linville Falls postoffice at the north end of Linville Mountain, about seven miles is now being surveyed under the direction of Mr. Whyte M. Peyton of the State Highway Commission. The road will be constructed under the direction of the State Highway Commission, with Mr. Peyton actively in charge, and it will comply with the U. S. Government road standards in order to receive federal money to aid in construction. It will be built with a maximum of 4 1/2 per cent grade and not less than 16 feet wide at any point. Following the course of the North Fork of the Catawba, the scenic beauty of the present route will be preserved, while its roughness and steepness in places will be entirely eliminated. The distance will be somewhat increased by the several switchbacks required to climb the mountain and keep the grade while ascending 1800 feet from the railway to the top of the mountain at Linville Falls.

This highway will come out at the low gap just below the village of Linville Falls and will there enter Burke county. The people of Linville Falls and Jonas Ridge Township, desiring to have the highway pass through the village to join the Avery county road at the Avery county line a mile northwest, have bound themselves to secure right of way and construct the road for the mile it is in Burke. They expect to get some outside aid, as it will be a considerable expense for a small community. The present road will be followed for the most part, but it will be widened and straightened, and brought to grade.

When this road is completed, from Sevier, on the C. C. & O. in North Cove Township, McDowell county, to the Avery county line, it will leave only four miles to be built, from this point to Altamont, to give the short line by first-class highway from Asheville across the Blue Ridge into Tennessee, and by the most attractive scenic route.

As soon as the survey is completed, the plans will be submitted to the federal authorities at Washington for approval, and the work of construction will begin as soon as possible. The North Cove Township Road Commission, Messrs. E. E. English, J. C. Connelly and J. G. Hollifield, are planning to build other good roads in the township with the \$50,000 obtained by the bond issue, which sold at par. A road to Little Switzerland, the Charlotte summer colony, will be among the new roads to be built.

## Means Waives Examination and Is Held to Court Without Bond.

Concord, Sept. 25.—Gaston B. Means waived examination in the midst of his preliminary hearing before a magistrate here late today and consented to be bound over to the October term of the Cabarrus county grand jury on a charge of having murdered Mrs. Maude A. King, of New York and Chicago. Magistrate Pitts ordered him held without bail.

Quite a number of Marion folks are attending the fairs at Hickory and Spruce Pine this week.

## COMMUNITY FAIR DATES

List of Prizes Which Will Be Offered at the Five Fairs to Be Held in McDowell.

Arrangements have been made to hold community fairs at five different points in the county this fall. The dates and places are announced as follows: Glenwood, October 29; Dysartsville, October 30; Hankins, October 31; Woodlawn, November 1; Belfont, November 2.

Each of the five fairs will have a special premium list. These lists will be published later in *The Progress*. The premium list offered by the State department of agriculture is the same for all. It is as follows:

### FIELD CROPS.

Best ten-ear exhibit of any one variety corn, \$1.00; best stalk of any variety cowpeas, \$1.00; best stalk of any variety soybeans, \$1.00; best sheaf of any variety of rye, accompanied by one peck of seed of same variety, \$1.00; best sheaf of any variety of oats, accompanied by one peck of seed of same variety, \$1.00; best bale of mixed grass hay, not less than 50 pounds, \$1.00; best bale of cowpea vine hay, not less than 50 pounds, \$1.00; best bale of soybean hay, not less than 50 pounds, \$1.00; best bale of any clover hay, not less than 50 pounds, \$1.00.

### LIVE STOCK.

Best colt (age considered) 1st, \$4.00, 2nd, \$2.00; best calf (breed and age considered) 1st, \$2.00, 2nd, \$1.00; best pig (breed and age considered) 1st, \$2.00, 2nd, \$1.00; best pen of chickens, cock and two hens (breed considered) 1st, \$2.00, 2nd, \$1.00.

### CURED MEATS.

Best home-cured country ham, 1st, \$2.00; 2nd, \$1.00; best home-cured country bacon, 1st, \$2.00, 2nd, \$1.00.

### POTATOES.

Best half bushel of sweet potatoes, 1st, \$2.00, 2nd, \$1.00; best half bushel of Irish potatoes, 1st, \$2.00, 2nd, \$1.00.

### DEMONSTRATION IN COOKING.

Best loaf of light bread, 50c.; best half-dozen rolls, 50c.; best half-dozen corn meal muffins, 50c.

### CANNED PRODUCTS.

Best glass jar of snap beans, 50c.; best glass jar of vegetable soup mixture (tomatoes, corn and okra) 50c.; best jar of preserves (pear, peach, cherry or fig) 50c.; best jar of jam (strawberry or blackberry) 50c.; best glass of jelly (apple, blackberry, grape or plum) 50c.

## Negroes to Be Called Next.

A majority of the negroes of the National army will be called out for mobilization at the training camps with the contingent of draft forces summoned for October 3. In making this announcement Secretary Baker added that the negroes called would be from States with the largest per centages of negro population. Those from States with few negroes will be mobilized later.

The policy of organizing separate black and white army units will be strictly adhered to. Where a sub-division has not sufficient negro men to make up a company or other unit, the men will be assigned to complete units at another cantonment.