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SCHOOL NEWS OF WEEK

Teachers Hold Interesting Meeting at Nebo: Hankins School Making Great Progress.

The teachers of the townships of Nebo, Dysartsville and Higgins held a very interesting meeting at the Nedo High School on last Saturday. Mr. J. M. Tyler opened the meeting with an appropriate expression of welcome to the teachers and visitors.

The program was a very practical one. The subjects for discussion were ably handled. Teachers taking part in the discussion were as follows: Miss Nannie McCall, Mr. J. M. Tyler, Supt. N. F. Steppe, Miss Ruth Hunter, Supt. M. S. Giles and Miss Pearl Gibbs.

There was a full attendance of teachers from the townships included in the meeting.

Hankins school is making great progress. The students have organized a literary society from which they expect to derive much benefit. They will hold a meeting Friday afternoon. The program will be made up of debates, recitations, reading, etc. The officers elected are as follows: Jock Whetstone, president; Annie Burnett, vice-president; Pearl Lewis, secretary; Carrie McNeely, treasurer; Doyle Huskins, Sadie Lewis and Sewell Jarrett, program committee.

Garden City Honor Roll.

First grade: Clarence Sparks, Creston Woody, Myrtle Wilson, Bruce Gibbs, Sallie Padgett and Georgia Willis. Second grade: Vernon Ellis. Third grade: Iola Jimerson, Eva Brown, Josie Ellis, Carrie Haney, Roy Young, Avery Willis, Avery Woody, John McMahan and Charlie Gibbs. Fourth grade: Clarence Haney, Robert Chapman, Remeth Sparks, Donnie Brown, Annie Hennessee, Leona McMahan, John Patton, Ida Cuthbertson and Lizzie Glenn. Fifth grade: Virginia Quinn and Myrtle Henley.

Interest Growing in Revival.

The evangelistic meetings being held at the First Baptist church by Rev. Dr. J. H. Dew continue to grow in attendance, interest and good results. On Sunday afternoon a special meeting for men and boys was held at the Methodist church and Dr. Dew delivered a strong and convincing discourse to a large crowd. At the same hour a special meeting for women and girls was held at the Baptist church, at which Mrs. Dew spoke. This service also drew a full attendance. Sunday night the church was packed.

There has already been a large number of conversions, and the meeting is bearing good fruit in abundance. During the meeting there has been fifty additions to the Baptist church. The services will continue through the week at the regular hours, 8 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. There will be a special service Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock to which everybody is urged to attend.

Dr. Dew's subject tonight will be "The Seven Wonders of Hell," and Friday night "The Seven Wonders of Heaven." Dr. Dew is a very interesting speaker and his sermons have been strong and forceful.

Ministers Off to Conference.

Presiding Elder Parker Holmes, Rev. J. R. Scroggs, Rev. J. P. Morris, Rev. E. L. Kirk and other ministers and delegates from this county and section left Tuesday for Asheville for the meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference, which convened there yesterday with Bishop Atkins presiding. The lay delegates from this district are Messrs. C. F. James, Marion; J. W. Griffith, Forest City; J. G. Roach, Caroleen; and G. E. Gardner, Burnsville.

Mr. Holmes, the presiding elder, has finished his first year in the district. He reports that encouraging progress has been made in the work in the Morganton district, and the financial showing is very good.

This is the twenty-eighth session of the Western North Carolina Conference. It was organized at Concord—cut off from the North Carolina Conference—in 1890. There are in the Conference 263 regular pastors; 22 preachers are on trial, probationers, and 28 local preachers supplying charges. There are eleven presiding elders. Only 18 pastors in the Conference will have to be changed on account of the 4-year time limit. There will, however, be other changes. Pastors are changed without regard to the time served whenever it is deemed best to make a change.

Briggs-Harris.

Of interest to their many friends in Marion is the announcement of the marriage, at the home of the bride on Thursday, November 8, of Mr. C. S. Briggs, of this place, to Miss Maude Harris, of Cleveland, N. C. The wedding was a very quiet home affair, attended by only the relatives and intimate friends of the contracting parties.

The bride is very popular and has a wide circle of friends in Marion. She was for some time a member of the faculty of the Marion Graded School, and later held the position of Rural Supervisor of McDowell County Schools. Prior to her coming to McDowell county she was connected for several years with the Wake County schools as Rural Supervisor. Her reputation as a teacher and supervisor is state wide.

Mr. Briggs has lived in Marion for a number of years. He is one of the town's most popular and successful business men.

For the present Mr. and Mrs. Briggs are living at the home of Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Ashworth. They expect to move into their new home within a few weeks.

Two More Days to Renew Subscription at \$1 Rate.

To avoid any misunderstanding and to give all a fair opportunity we are extending the time for renewal of subscriptions to The Progress at the \$1.00 rate until Saturday night, Nov. 17. After this date the rate will be strictly \$1.50 per year. Even if your subscription is already paid a few weeks or months ahead, it will pay you to renew this week. No more subscriptions accepted at the one dollar rate after this week.

Services at St. John's next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

NEBO

Nebo, Nov. 12.—Rev. J. A. Fry preached his last sermon before conference here Sunday to a large audience. He will leave today for conference. We hope to have Mr. Fry back on this work.

Mrs. H. M. Wellman and little son of Rhodhis are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wilson.

Miss Lona Goforth spent the weekend here with her sister, Mrs. G. D. Taylor.

The teachers' meeting here Saturday was well attended. Each teacher responded to their part on the program and each response was very instructive and helpful.

Mrs. Alice Rudisill and her mother, Mrs. Margaret Gilbert, of Henry, visited relatives and friends here last week.

Misses Maggie and Hattie Taylor of Belfont spent the week-end here with homefolks. They were accompanied by Miss Dora Layendar.

Miss Mayo Laughridge of Marion spent Saturday and Sunday here with Miss Lillie Landis.

Ernest M. Cuthbertson is home from Camp Jackson on a visit. His many friends are glad to see him.

Charles Bost has received a letter from his sister, Miss Myrtle, of Newark, N. J., saying she was returning to spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks here.

W. J. Jenkins will leave soon for Baltimore, Md.

BRIDGEWATER

Bridgewater, Nov. 13.—Josephine Martin, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Martin, has been seriously ill with pneumonia but is improving. Her condition is favorable to recovery.

Mrs. J. B. Higgins of Hankins spent Sunday in Bridgewater.

Mrs. C. F. Barnes of Sevier spent Sunday with Mrs. B. E. Martin.

Miss Nora Ballew of Asheville spent Wednesday with homefolks here.

Miss Celia Ballew has accepted a school at Harmony Grove.

Miss Hattie Martin returned home last week.

DYSARTVILLE

Dysartsville, Nov. 13.—F. C. Daves cut his foot right badly last Friday.

E. B. Satterwhite and Ned Jaquins made a business trip to Marion last week.

Misses Cora Miller and Katie Bennett attended the teachers' meeting at Nebo last Saturday.

Miss Mamie Goforth spent the weekend with homefolks.

D. M. Laughridge is visiting relatives in Shelby this week.

Mrs. Arrie Beam, after spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Mattie Jaquins, has returned to her home in Rutherford county.

J. F. Kirksey and family of Hendersonville have recently removed here for the winter.

Mrs. Jaquins and Miss Maggie Goforth were shopping in Marion Monday.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, Nov. 8.—Zack Davis was a visitor here last Sunday and Monday. Ceph Poteet of Camp Sevier is spending some time with his father here.

A number of Marion people attended the box supper at this place last week. The farmers of this section are very busy sowing wheat.

Mrs. Posey Poeet, who has been quite ill for the past week, is improving rapidly.

Following is the school honor roll for the past two weeks: Rena Bright and Frances Barnes, first grade; Edith Barnes and Thelma Holland, third grade; Florence Corpening, Bertha Huffman and Florence Corpening, fourth grade.

With eighty million dollars subscribed to the new Liberty Loan by the soldier boys, it would seem that the Sammies are willing to back their fighting with their dollars.

Negotiating With Germany as to Care of Prisoners.

Washington, Nov. 10.—The United States has opened negotiations with Germany for an agreement to govern the treatment of prisoners of war taken by either nation. This is being done with the hope of securing the best possible conditions for Americans taken prisoner on the battlefield, and to show Germany how well German prisoners in the United States are being treated.

Already, through the Red Cross at Geneva, the United States has begun forwarding food and other necessities to Americans held in Germany, of whom there now are more than 100.

A nation pinched for food for itself probably will feed its enemy prisoners last. To lighten the confinement of Americans who will have to undergo the hardship of prison camps will at the same time alleviate the suffering of families at home, which naturally will be distressed at accounts of German brutality and underfeeding of their enemy prisoners.

German military prisoners of war in the United States, besides receiving every necessity and comfort have the pay and privileges of their rank in the United States army and navy. They are housed in model sanitary camps, and recently one of the prisoners, sending a letter to his prospective wife in Germany, wrote that the pay he would accumulate during his imprisonment would not only permit him to retire from the navy, but would set them up in a little business as well.

Two classes of German prisoners are detained in this country. One is comprised of German sailors taken into custody when the United States interned various vessels at the beginning of the war. The other class is comprised of enemy aliens, civilians who have been arrested and are now being detained under governmental regulations for various reasons.

The principal detention camp is at Fort McPherson, Ga., where approximately 850 war prisoners are held in custody of the war department. At Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., there are 165 enemy aliens, who are not, strictly speaking, prisoners of war. At Fort Douglas, Utah, there are 517 prisoners of war and 80 interned aliens. In addition the department of labor has in custody several hundred Germans, members of the crews of merchant ships. This group is divided between the immigration station at Ellis Island and a detention camp at Hot Springs, N. C.

Altogether there are 1,364 actual prisoners of war in custody of the war department and about 400 interned enemy aliens held at the request of the department of justice. Of this number about three score are located on Taboga island, Panama. It is estimated that Germany is now holding 150 sailors taken from American ships by commerce raiders and other German vessels, beside the first prisoners taken from General Pershing's forces.

Alonzo Wallace, aged about 60, died Monday and was buried at Murphy's Chapel Tuesday. He is survived by a wife and several step-children.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Hon. James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, is under promise to make an address in Charlotte. The date has not been fixed.

Morganton ran short of coal and wood, to the point of pinching, and the municipality has decided to buy 2,500 cords of wood and 1,500 tons of coal and sell it to the people at cost.

Morganton meat dealers paid 5¢ cents for beef cattle and retailed steak at 30 cents. The Morganton authorities, following the example of Statesville, abolished the tax on meat dealers and the price took a big drop.

Dr. F. M. Winchester, past grand master of the grand lodge of Masons of North Carolina, and a prominent citizen, died Sunday morning at his home in Charlotte, after a long illness. He was a native of Union county and born in 1857.

The State Board of Pharmacy has licensed 24 new pharmacists. Thirteen applicants failed to pass the examination. One who had failed on four previous examinations passed this time. Two of three negroes who took the examination passed. They live in Wilmington and Rockingham.

One thousand additional selectmen from Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., will be transferred to the 30th division, Camp Sevier, at Greenville, S. C., within a few days. There are now over 10,000 drafted men from North and South Carolina and Tennessee at Camp Sevier.

Gov. Bickett has issued a proclamation calling upon the people of North Carolina to rally to the cause of the Y. M. C. A. war work and devote their energies during the week of November 11-19 to raising \$300,000, the state's allotment in the thirty-five million dollar Y. M. C. A. fund being raised throughout the nation.

Farm Life School for Glenwood.

The people of Glenwood township are greatly interested in having a modern farm life school established in that section. Modern requirements and conditions of country life are such that the boy who expects to be a farmer must be taught the scientific side of his work, as well as the practical side, if he is to succeed in getting the most out of the farm. The place for him to get this training is right in his own neighborhood in a good farm life school. No modern community is complete without school advantages sufficient to educate its boys and girls in such things as will enable them to make a respectable living in any of the common pursuits of life.

Glenwood is an admirable location for a good farm life school. The community needs it; and it is gratifying to the leaders in this section to know that the people are asking for it.

The average hotel or restaurant boarder is convinced that this thing called "food conservation" can be mighty easily overdone.