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## SCHOOLS OPEN WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE

County Superintendent and Chairman Board of Education Visiting and Inspecting Schools.

The county schools are opening with the best attendance in the history of the county. A number of schools report 100 per cent of the children affected by the compulsory law enrolled the opening week. From the interest and co-operation manifested on the part of parents in the education of their children it seems that the compulsory law will be necessary in but a few instances, as parents are sending their children regardless of age or legal requirements. This attitude on the part of parents is very gratifying to the officials.

However, it will be the policy of those whose duty it is to enforce the law to see that it does not become a dead letter. Parents and guardians wilfully and flagrantly violating the law with reference to sending children to school will be prosecuted to the limit of the law. Supt. N. F. Steppe states that so far only one family appears to be intentionally violating the compulsory law. Steps are being taken to enforce the law in this instance.

Supt. N. F. Steppe and Chairman T. W. Stacy are visiting the schools now in operation to learn the conditions and needs of the schools at the opening of the term. Several schools are calling for additional teachers and equipment. The needs and requirements will be met just as fast as possible. It is the intention of the board of the board of education to see that the necessary educational advantages are provided for every child in the county.

The board of education has entered upon a building program that will double the value of school property this year. Already two magnificent buildings are under course of construction, one at Glenwood and another at the Clinchfield mill. Three first class two-teacher buildings will also be completed in time for school this year.

Teachers are taking much interest in better equipping themselves for the new demands to be made upon them. A large number of teachers have been in attendance during the summer terms of the leading colleges of the State. They are now entering upon their work with higher ideals and broader planes of service. From the present outlook the coming year will be the best the schools have ever known.

### New Teachers Elected.

The Marion graded school faculty has been completed with the election of Miss Effie Cox, of Mount Gilead, as teacher of the fifth grade. Miss Lillian Smith, of Pink Hill, will teach the advanced first grade, succeeding Miss Mae McCurry, who resigned to accept work elsewhere. Miss Lottie Poole, of La Plata, Md., will fill the vacancy in the high school department caused by the resignation of Mrs. J. L. C. Bird. Miss Pool is a graduate of Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., and spent a year at Columbia University. At present she is engaged in welfare work at Cliffside. The new members of the faculty come very highly recommended.

## Three Bridges Ordered Built—Jurors for Fall Term of Court.

The county commissioners, in session Monday, ordered that the bridge across Curtis creek be removed to North Fork near Pitts and that a 120 foot span be placed across Curtis Creek. The board also ordered that a new bridge be built across Mill creek and that the present structure be moved to Garden City.

In addition to other routine business jurors were drawn for the September term of Superior court as follows:

First week:—J. F. Bird, T. R. Burgin, W. B. Daves, J. I. Nanne, R. E. Higgins, J. A. Swann, James Hollifield, Grover Greene, R. E. McCall, H. W. Hensley, A. Burgin, J. A. Biddix, Ellis Dixon, J. G. Hollifield, C. E. Jarrett, G. D. Noblitt, J. B. Landis, T. L. Morgan, Robert Laidlaw, I. H. Allison, W. K. M. Gilkey, R. H. Hennessee, G. M. Moffitt, D. H. Whitener, J. V. Daves, T. M. Finley, R. A. Holler, M. G. Burgin, J. D. Hogan, M. B. Grayson, A. J. Simmons, Lee Lavender, C. L. Holland, A. C. Tate, T. W. Kincaid, C. B. Noblitt.

Second week:—R. W. Tate, J. L. Steppe, James Ledbetter, Harve Vess, W. L. Nanne, D. W. Wheeler, Luther Walker, Charles Brackett, G. A. Lackey, A. A. Padgett, J. F. Burgin, E. K. Hild, B. G. Hensley, Carl Wilkerson, C. W. Krouse, Ed. Toney, C. P. Whisnant.

### Real Estate Transfers.

J. L. Nichols to Robert F. Mock, lot on Mountain View avenue, Old Fort.

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John J. Jordan to Bayard Adams and wife, land adjoining Patella Gilliam, James Morris and Chas. Lytle, \$1500.

J. S. Jamison to G. F. Stroud, 3 acres adjoining J. S. Jamison and E. K. Hild, \$600.

M. F. Morpew to J. C. Hudgins, lot 70 feet on Depot street, \$4,500.

Switzerland Company to Billie Hollifield, land near Little Switzerland station, \$400.

W. T. Morgan and J. W. Winborne, commissioners, to Vance Wilson, land in Nebo township, \$66.

G. W. Conley to M. C. Caldwell, timber on North Fork, Catawba river, \$13,800.

### Wells-Bryson.

Mr. Russell Wells and Miss Nittlee Bryson were married last Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mollie Bryson, in East Marion, Rev. J. C. Story officiating. The ring ceremony was used. A large number of friends and relatives of this popular young couple were present for the ceremony.

A regular meeting of Mount Ida Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will be held Thursday night, August 7, at 8:30 o'clock. Business of importance will be transacted and every Knight is urged to be transacted. Work in the third degree.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

### OLD FORT

Old Fort, Aug. 4.—Miss Pearl Cox of Gastonia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. Y. Grant.

James Bradley of Kingsport, Tenn., is visiting his brother, J. S. Bradley.

Mrs. E. H. Witten of Richmond, Va., is visiting Mrs. Charles.

Mrs. Robinson of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., is visiting her son, Dr. W. A. Robinson.

Mrs. E. E. Edwards of Goldsboro is in the city with her brother, James Payne.

Miss Grace Arney is on an extended visit to Atlantic City and other points.

Miss Mary Hamilton of Asheville is the guest of Miss Francis Artz.

F. H. Marley and family of Kannapolis have returned home after an extended visit to relatives here.

Mrs. H. C. Marley and daughter, Margaret, have returned to their home at China Grove after an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. Caplin.

Friends of Dr. A. W. Dula of Lenoir will be glad to know that he has returned to his home after a successful operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. A. H. Spencer left Tuesday for an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. C. C. Wyche, in Spartanburg, S. C.

Mrs. Aessenstadt, who has been on a visit to her father, Mr. Terrell, has returned to her home in San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. Smith, of Manchester, Ga., is spending the summer with her father, Mr. Crawford.

Mrs. Tomlin and daughter, Claudia, of Statesville are on a visit to relatives in the city.

Miss Mary Manney of Salisbury is visiting her brother, S. F. Mauney.

Miss Gertrude Dula recently returned to Old Fort from Los Angeles, Calif., where she spent the winter.

Eugene Bird of Camp Holly Bird, Md., and Chester Hensley of Camp Merritt, N. J., spent Sunday in Old Fort at the home of Mrs. Kanips.

Mrs. Merrill Patterson and daughter, Margaret, of Statesville, are spending some time at S. M. Hoffman's.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davis of Asheville, were guests at the home of J. N. Nesbitt last Sunday. They were accompanied home by Clifford and Earl Nesbitt.

Mrs. B. O. Anderson and daughter, Margaret, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Strickland.

Rev. R. F. Mock left Monday for Lexington, N. C., to assist in revival meetings.

Rev. W. T. Wadley has resigned as pastor of the Presbyterian church of Old Fort and has accepted a call to the pastorate of the church at Edenton, N. C.

Colonel Dan Adams has broken the ground for the construction of a modern hotel building in Old Fort.

The old Greene building is being removed for the construction of a modern drug store. The building is to be constructed by Dr. Johnson, Dr. Robinson and Dr. Caplin.

G. F. and C. S. Noblitt are removing the old wood building next the market for the construction of a brick building.

### LINVILLE FALLS

Linville Falls, Aug. 5.—Linville Falls is keeping itself on the map by its various activities, which now include the building of a Community Church and the improvement of the school building so as to provide for a good school, with two teachers if they can be found. New desks have been provided by the Burke county board, and a new modern system of lighting is being put in, to do away with the old, injurious cross-lighting of the school rooms. A spacious assembly room on the second floor will give a meeting place for various community purposes, as well as for the school use. It is not to be supposed that the fact that the mountain people are scattered keeps them from gathering for many social and helpful purposes.

Three instances of this spirit of co-operation and social instinct were given last Saturday night, when three old-

fashioned "pie suppers" were given in this locality, one on Jonas Ridge, where \$136 was realized with which to provide a boy with an artificial foot, one in Walnut Grove, on Three Mile in Avery county, where they made \$189 for school house purposes, and one in Linville Falls, where \$115.50 was realized for the new church. At the latter occasion a party came down from Crossnore and furnished a most interesting entertainment, consisting of folk songs, music and character recitations. At Crossnore the community spirit, under the inspiration of Mrs. Sloop, has grown and developed into many forms of improvement and has extended its influence far beyond that neighborhood.

About 35 or 40 men went to Newland from Altamont township yesterday and secured from the County Commissioners a strong declaration in favor of building the road from Altamont to Linville Falls, and putting the road from Linville Falls to Newland in condition to comply with government requirements, so that federal road funds may be secured to connect this road with the McDowell road up North Cove from Linville Falls station to the Avery county line at Linville Falls. There is about a mile of this road through Burke county, between McDowell and Avery, in the village of Linville Falls, and this also is provided for. The prospect of a first-class government road from Marion, through Linville Falls to Newland and on to Tennessee seems now to be assured.

### OAK DALE

Old Fort, Aug. 4.—Charles Gibson and Joseph Brown left yesterday on a business for Kingsport and other points in Tennessee.

We are glad to report that Franklin Hoyle, who has been very ill with typhoid fever, is able to be up again.

The lumber has been received for the new school building at Oak Dale.

Several cases of typhoid fever have recently been reported for this section.

Misses Ethel and Myrtle Poteat, Sallie Dover, Lucy and Cynthia Lackey were guests at the home of C. A. Gibson last Sunday.

Mrs. Will Nichols and daughter and son, Dora and Russell, were guests at the home of Mrs. L. Hogan, Sunday.

George Miller has been awarded the contract for the erection of the new school building at Oak Dale.

Crops are looking very good in this section of the county.

### GLENWOOD

Nealsville, Aug. 4.—Floyd Burdette of Battle Creek, Mich., who recently returned from overseas and received his discharge, is visiting Miss Biddie Eplee of Nealsville.

Melvin Eplee has returned from a trip in the west.

Kelly Eplee has returned from a business trip to Wilmington.

### Road Improvement Project.

Asheville Dispatch.

A large road improvement project under consideration by the United States department of agriculture, is that between Marion and Micaville, through McDowell and Yancey counties.

Big Toe township in Yancey county has voted \$30,000 bonds to aid the federal government in the improvement and McDowell county is said to be ready with its share of the costs. The portion of this highway between Marion and Greensboro is now in good condition and the section between Micaville and Harvard is graded but not well surfaced. The 15 miles intervening is in bad condition and this is the principal section that is to be improved. At the present time South Toe township has no outlet to the Southern railroad excepting through Buck Creek, and these roads are in extremely poor condition. South Toe is well populated and the necessity of an outlet is urgent.

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The police department of Asheville has added a machine gun to its equipment.

The soy bean measuring worm is destroying the soy bean crop in east Carolina and the loss is heavy.

Frank A. Hampton, private secretary to Senator Simmons, announces that he has abandoned the idea of running for Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina.

Of great interest in Greensboro is the announcement of the incorporation of the Atlantic Banking and Trust Company, with an authorized capital of \$2,000,000 of which \$1,000,000 is to be paid in and a surplus of \$250,000 provided.

Charlotte.—The American Trust Company, with assets of \$2,000,000, announced the decision of the board of directors to increase its capital by 100 per cent to \$1,050,000.

Hickory.—The farmers and women's institutes will be held in Catawba county next month under the auspices of the state department of agriculture, the experiment station and the local extension service, the dates being August 11 and 12, and the places Hopewell community and Witherspoon community clubs.

## ORPHANED LAMBS AND PIGS

Patience, Care and Good Nursing Have Brought to Maturity Many Unfortunate Animals.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Many weak "orphan" lambs and pigs, requiring too much care for the average farmer or ranchman to bother with, are salvaged by the boys and girls belonging to the clubs organized by the United States department of agriculture and the state colleges. Patience, care and good nursing by a



A Club Boy and His Three Orphans.

younger have brought to maturity animals which otherwise would not have survived infancy. As a result, the meat supply is increased and the boy or girl is enabled to earn money.

The father of a little girl in Anson county, N. C., who was very anxious to join a pig club, repeatedly refused to give her a pig. One of his pigs did not do well last year and he tried to sell the "runt" for \$1, but could not find a buyer. His wife persuaded him to give the friendless pig to the little girl. Care and careful feeding brought it to maturity. After a while the club member's herd was increased to six. The little girl traded the best two of the litter to her father for sole possession of the mother hog, and sold the other three for \$15. Having now acquired a membership in the pig club, she plans to continue in the work.

In stormy weather, when mud is too frequent, the cows will take a great deal of scrubbing.

One hundred tons of silage will feed 25 cows 40 pounds of silage a day for 200 days.

Any man who keeps ten head or more cattle will find a silo an economic equipment on his farm.

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