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## SCHOOLS RUNNING OVER

Additional Equipment Being Called for in Many Places—Attendance Exceeds Previous Records.

Every school in the county in operation is taxed to the maximum capacity from the standpoint of attendance. Every child within the compulsory ages, with two or three exceptions, has been enrolled and is attending regularly. The schools have by far exceeded all previous records in the matter of attendance. Teachers in many schools are calling for additional desks and other school equipment. In a number of districts the buildings are entirely too small. The enrollment and attendance have so greatly increased that a number of schools are literally running over.

If the interest in schools continues it will be necessary for steps to be taken to provide better and larger buildings and more equipment. It will require the expenditure of many thousands of dollars to provide buildings and equipment absolutely necessary. These matters will be presented to the Board of Education at its October meeting and it is expected that some plan will be worked out as soon as possible, that proper educational advantages and facilities may be provided for every child in every school district in the county.

The shortage of teachers is effecting a small number of schools. Notwithstanding the fact that salaries in McDowell are higher than in many counties there are still a few vacancies. Several teachers have left their schools recently, after having taught during the summer, to take work in the Eastern part of the State where the schools are just opening up. By doing this they are able to work ten or eleven months in the year, whereas if they taught out the schools which they had begun they would work only eight or nine months. Every effort will be put forth, however, to secure competent teachers for every school in the county.

## Glenwood High School Opens With Large Enrollment First Day.

Glenwood High School opened Monday with the largest number of students in the history of the school. Every seat in the building was taken and a number of students in the vicinity of Glenwood are yet to be enrolled.

Miss Hettie B. Rochelle will be at the head of the school, assisted by Misses Pearl Teeter, Elsie Stacy, Mattie Tate and Pearl Ledbetter. Miss Maggie Byrd had been elected as one of the teachers but resigned a few days before school opened.

Prospects are bright for the best year in the history of the Glenwood school. For several years Glenwood has been making a fine record. The high school department has been growing steadily, until this year there will be a full high school course consisting of four years' work. Several students expect to graduate at the end of this year, all of whom plan to enter college the following fall.

## Weather Report.

Thomas McGuire, Sergeant U. S. Army, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion station for the week as follows:

Maximum . . . . . 98 degrees  
Minimum . . . . . 47 degrees  
Rain . . . . . 0.67 inches  
Sunshine per cent . . . . . 85

## Graded School Opens With Enrollment of 430 Students.

The Marion Graded school opened Monday morning with 430 students present at the opening exercises, by far the largest number ever enrolled in the history of the school. The opening exercises were simple and to the point, no time being lost in speech-making. Supt. T. A. Holton made a brief talk to the student body in which he emphasized the importance of thorough work if the students expect to get out of school that which will be worth while and of benefit in the future. The pupils then marched to their respective rooms to organize for the year's work.

Co-operation on the part of the part of all concerned is the secret to a successful school. If the school is to render the service that it should in training and educating the children of the community the people must co-operate with the teachers. Parents should visit the school as often as possible that they may know what the school is trying to accomplish. The teachers will take pleasure in receiving parents and others interested in the school at any end all times. Let all work together to make this the banner year in the history of the educational work in Marion.

## J. W. Pless, Jr., Takes Up Practice of Law.

J. W. Pless, Jr., has returned from the State University where he completed his course in law. He took his examination recently, standing high in his class. He was admitted to the bar Monday by Judge James L. Webb and will be associated with the firm of Pless & Winborne.

Mr. Pless attended the Marion High School, Davidson College and the University of North Carolina. Before taking his law course he was principal of Greenlee High School one year and rendered excellent satisfaction. The people made several requests for him to return as principal of the school. He is a young man of sterling qualities and his many friends will be interested in observing his progress in his chosen profession.

## Mr. and Mrs. N. Buckner at Baptist Church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Buckner, of Asheville, were visitors in Marion last Sunday, speaking at the Baptist church in the interest of the Baraca-Philathea movement. Mrs. Buckner is Secretary of the Asheville headquarters of the Philathea organization. Mr. Buckner is Secretary of the Asheville Board of Trade. He is an enthusiastic church, Sunday school and Baraca member.

At the Baptist church Sunday Mrs. Buckner spoke to the local Philathea members, Mr. Buckner speaking to the Baracas.

The preaching hour was given to Mrs. Buckner to talk to the whole congregation on the work the Philatheas are doing. Mrs. Buckner is a strong and interesting speaker. Those hearing her Sunday speak in glowing terms of the great work she is doing.

There will be a box supper at Garden City school house Saturday night at 8:30 o'clock. Proceeds for benefit of the school.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

### NEBO.

Nebo, Sept. 15.—The school here is progressing nicely under the supervision of Prof. E. J. Harbison. There are a large number of boarding students, and more are expected later on. We hope that this will be the best year in the history of the school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tyler of Marion spent a few days during the past week with the latter's sister, Mrs. R. O. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Ruff of Waconese, Ga., have been spending a while with the former's mother, Mrs. J. K. Stacy.

The musical recital which was given at the school house Saturday night by Misses Boyette and Dodson was very much enjoyed by all who heard them.

Miss Mamie and James C. Goforth of Dysartsville spent Saturday here with their sister, Mrs. G. D. Taylor.

Miss Nelle Gibbs of Garden City spent the week-end with Miss Tracy Sigmon. Mrs. Butler and little son, of Greensboro are spending a few days here with her mother, Mrs. T. W. Alexander.

Miss Essie Hemphill left Sunday for Caroleen where she will teach.

Mrs. H. D. Plant and two children returned to their home in Knoxville, Tenn., today, after having spent a greater part of the summer here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wilson.

We are very sorry to know that Mrs. J. A. Fry is still on the sick list. We hope she will soon recover.

Miss Maggie Taylor, who is teaching at Greenlee, spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Mrs. Bly and four children of Hendersonville spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. T. A. Drake.

Miss Julia Gentry returned to her home in Asheville Saturday, after spending some time with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Jamison.

A large crowd attended the baptizing here Sunday. There were seven candidates for baptism.

### OLD FORT

Old Fort, Sept. 17.—G. W. Sandlin and Miss Madeline Sandlin left Tuesday to spend a few days in New York City.

Joe Crawford returned to Old Fort Tuesday to enter school.

Willard Crawford, Bill Stirewalt, Frank Wilkinson, C. A. Calloway and Greer spent Tuesday in Asheville where they attended the Field's Minstrels.

Mrs. Peeler and daughters have returned to Jax, Fla., after a pleasant summer in Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Miller have returned from a stay in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Norton have gone to Rock Hill, S. C., on a visit to Mrs. Norton's father and mother.

The wedding of Mr. Horace Early and Miss Clara Kanipe was solemnized Tuesday night at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. L. E. Kanipe. The bride and groom are two popular young people of Old Fort. May their future be bright and happy.

Master Paul Davis, son of Wiley Davis, is critically ill with fever.

Mary Pregonell, who died Saturday at the Marion hospital, was buried Sunday afternoon at the old Ebenezer burying ground. It will be remembered that she was severely burned about two months ago and was taken to the hospital. The burns healed up nicely, but Bright's disease set up and not having enough vitality to fight the disease she soon passed away.

### DYSARTSVILLE.

Dysartsville, Sept. 15.—Mrs. Mamie Erwin, of Morganton, returned home after spending a week with relatives here.

W. A. Laughridge spent last week in Marion with relatives.

Miss Regina Matthews has returned to her home in Rock Hill, S. C., after spending a month here with her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Taylor.

Ernest Satterwhite made a business trip to Marion today.

Miss Mamie Goforth is home for a few days from her school.

Mrs. Somers of Morganton visited R. E. Roper and family recently.

J. C. Goforth made a business trip to Nebo last Saturday.

Lucy Roper has entered school at Nebo for the year.

Miss Lona Goforth has returned to her school after closing one week for fodder pulling.

### CURFEW

Curfew, Sept. 16.—G. G. Morgan and daughter, Ethel, were given a birthday dinner Sunday at their home. A large number of relatives and friends were present and all enjoyed it very much.

Mrs. E. C. Hawkins is visiting her daughter, Mrs. P. R. Simmons, at Nealsville.

There will be a box supper at the Curfew school house on Saturday night, Sept. 20th. Everybody invited to come. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the school.

Mrs. Mattie McCall and sons, Robert and Carl, were visitors here Sunday.

We are having pleasant weather now and the farmers of this section are about through with their foddering.

## Colored Child Injured by Explosion of Cartridge.

Josie Mathis, colored, aged 11 years, whose father, Dave Mathis, lives on the John Yancey place about three miles from town, was painfully injured last Friday by the explosion of a pistol cartridge. The child's body was burned severely in several places. One hand had several fingers so badly torn that they had to be amputated.

It is not known just how the accident occurred. The officers, upon hearing of it, made an investigation of the affair. Little authentic information could be secured. They found burnt matches, smoldered paper and other signs of fire some distance from the house. It is thought that the little girl must have secured the cartridge at home and after building the fire threw the cartridge into the fire to hear the report of the explosion, with the result of receiving a number of bad burns, and losing several fingers.

The little girl was attended by Dr. Ashworth and is doing nicely at last reports.

## County Welfare Members Attend State Council.

Mrs. J. W. Pless, member of the State Board of Welfare; Rev. W. L. Hutchins, member of the County Board of Welfare, and Mr. L. W. Gettys, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, left Monday for Chapel Hill, where they will be in attendance upon the State Council during the week.

Matters of importance pertaining to the general welfare of the State will be taken up at this meeting. The recent legislation will be discussed and the new laws will be interpreted by Governor Bickett, presiding.

The recent Legislature passed many acts new to the people of the State, the new assessment law, the act creating the office of County Superintendent of Public Welfare, and other laws effecting the people. That the various officials may be able to act intelligently the Governor called the State Council, which the various officials throughout the State are expected to attend, for the purpose of informing and familiarizing themselves with their duties under the new laws.

There will be a box supper at the Greenlee school house Saturday night, Sept. 20. Everybody invited to attend.

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, according to a dispatch from Washington, there were 2,825 Federal pensioners in North Carolina and they received \$1,005,756.

Richard Quick, aged 18 years, of Greenville, S. C., drowned in a lake near Hendersonville Saturday afternoon. He was in swimming with others and is believed to have been seized with cramps.

A village, built by the 2,300 Germans interned at Hot Springs, near Asheville, and consisting of 75 houses and a church, has been purchased by an Asheville man, who will sell the houses. The Germans constructed the houses themselves.

It has been decided to stop the sale of army foods to the public September 25. Officials in Washington say this is done because the "public response to the opportunity has been so poor." Not more than 10 per cent. of the supplies have been taken.

### Dairy Business Profitable.

The Star of Empire is moving into the New South. Great manufacturing is here; improved agriculture is coming. The greatest relative development of the country is now in the South.

Where will McDowell County be in the procession of prosperity? Many counties in every Southern State are doing big things—establishing creameries and cheese factories and securing better live stock. Pure cold water, fine climate, cheap land and growing markets make McDowell county well fitted for big creamery developments. Not to go into it quickly on a big scale but to grow into on a profitable, permanent basis should be the effort.

Capital for a creamery, or a cheese factory, or both, is waiting only for a sufficient supply. We are now to have good roads, and truck lines will reach out where a milk supply will justify.

With the dairy comes prosperity—silos, enriched soils, more and better pastures on hills that are now washing away. The deposits of creamery checks will do away with buying on credit.

Get one pure blood Guernsey as the foundation of a herd of fine cows. Lime some land. Improve some pasture. Correlate growth of herd with clover, pasture and silo.

Less than a dozen farmers have started to do a dairy business, but every one has been a success. I have two-thirds of a car of Guernseys order, and I am not going to stop until the car is made up.

J. L. THURMAN, County Agent.

### Special Rates to Hickory Fair.

A splendid opportunity is given the citizens of Marion and vicinity to visit the Catawba County Fair at Hickory by the Southern Railway this year. The round trip fare, including war tax, will be \$2.06. Tickets will be on sale September 30 to October 3, good for return until October 5. McDowell county farmers and others interested in farm products and first class cattle should not miss the fair at Hickory this year.