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## GRADED SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY, SEPT. 6TH

### Matters of Importance to Pupils and Patrons of the Marion Graded School.

At 9 o'clock Monday morning, September 6, the Marion Graded school will open. Be on time. It is hoped that every child of school age will be present on that day. The children of the compulsory school age, 8 to 14, are especially urged to be present.

All children who are "beginners" are requested to enroll the first day. We mean by "beginners," children who have become six years old or before September 6, and those who have never been to school. If our first grades are not too full or crowded of those who are of lawful age it may be possible to enroll or enter those children who become six years old in September. In justice to those who are started we cannot have the teachers starting a new class every time a pupil wishes to enter, for it takes the time from the others, therefore, unless you get your child entered or enrolled the first two or three weeks of school it will be hard to enter him later.

Children coming for the first time or who cannot write should have the following information written on a piece of paper: Name, birthday (day, month, and year,) where they live, and parents name. This is important; we cannot enroll a pupil with accuracy unless we have the correct information. Children of the first grades are requested to bring 25c to buy pencil, tablet, etc. The teacher can buy these supplies more satisfactorily than the child, and each child will have what is required. After the first day we will have the following schedule: Teachers will be in their class-rooms and pupils will be admitted at 8:30; school takes up at 8:45, and unless you are in your class-room by the time the bell stops ringing you will be tardy; lunch will be from 12:20 to 1:15 o'clock.

The element, Time, is one of the most important things which contributes to the progress of pupils. Do not think, dear parent, that your child can be out of school from three to six weeks or longer and make his grade with any degree of satisfaction to the child, parent, or teacher. It is better for the child to be in a grade in which he does well than to be in one in which he "drags" and becomes discouraged, or tired of school. There is not as much dishonor in being in the same grade two years as there is in being promoted and not being able to do the work. The motto of every school should be THOROUGHNESS backed by a strong public sentiment. Remember, this is (your) our school, in a community where all your interests are. Then let us make it second to none—co-operate.

This summer High School Text-Books were adopted for all the high schools of this county for a period of four years. This will necessitate a good many changes in our school. The out-of-town teachers are located as follows: Misses Cox, Simpson, Elliott, Aiken and Poole, with Mrs. Geo. I. White; Miss Carson, with Mrs. J. F. Jonas; Misses Carver and Baity, with Mrs. Holton.

Respectfully,  
T. A. HOLTON, Supt.

Sergt. Thomas McGuire reports a cloud burst on Wednesday evening, the 25th, at 8:30 o'clock, when 5.87 inches of rain fell in about three hours. As a result of the storm the fill on the Rock Hill division of the Southern near the Catawba Furniture factory was washed out and several wash-outs on the dirt roads have been reported. The rainfall for the week was 8.86 inches.

Gordon Woodbury, formerly a member of the New Hampshire Legislature, has been appointed assistant secretary of the navy to succeed Franklin D. Roosevelt.

## RESUME OF LEGISLATION ENACTED IN PAST SESSION

Raleigh, Aug. 27.—At thirteen minutes past two o'clock yesterday afternoon the special session of the North Carolina General Assembly completed its seventeen days of rather arduous labor. While the session was called into being by Governor Bickett to round-out the taxation system under the new revaluation act, the bars were down at all times and scores of local bills passed through the legislative hopper, the majority dealing with bond issues for schools and road purposes.

A resume of the legislature enacted follows:

Constitutional amendments, which are to be voted upon in the November elections, are: 1. Provides for the constitutional limitation of taxation of fifteen cents on the \$100 worth of property instead of sixty-six and two-thirds cents as heretofore. 2. Provides for an income tax amendment allowing the state to tax unearned incomes up to six per cent. 3. To separate the grandfather clause from the literacy test so that the failure of courts to uphold the grandfather clause will not invalidate the literacy test for suffrage. The income tax amendment and the constitutional limitation will be voted upon as one, the defeat of one making the defeat of the other certain.

The Revaluation measures are as follows: 1. Revenue bill providing for thirteen cents school tax for state purposes; no state tax for the general fund and for the pension fund. To supplant this deficit the state will raise its revenue for 1920 by increases in license, franchise and corporation taxes. 2. Municipal finance act. The act limits the tax levy for municipalities to 10 per cent over that raised last year and provides that the cities and towns may take care of bond issues, notes and other evidences of debt incurred since the passage of the Revaluation act by special tax levies which will run the taxes over the ten per cent increase. In cases of deficits it is possible to borrow money and refund it out of the general levy over a period of ten years. Special tax levies may be made for any purpose provided the voters sanction it in a special election.

School bill. Under the Revaluation act the counties are permitted to levy taxes to provide sufficient revenue to operate the schools for three months not provided for by the state. If a deficit exists the schools may borrow money which is to be refunded out of the general levy over a period of five years. This bill also makes the same provisions for school districts as well as counties.

Among other bills enacted of State-wide importance was the measure increasing the fees of the solicitors in the various judicial districts. While the fees of the solicitors were increased from thirty to forty per cent the counties will continue to receive their proportionate share of the fines, this being possible under the new bill which places the burden upon the criminals who will, in the future be taxed with heavier fines, penalties and costs.

Ratification of the Susan B. Anthony Federal Suffrage amendment was the question which furnished the most excitement during the session. The senate considered the measure first and by a narrow margin voted to defer action until the regular session next January. In the House the resolution was defeated. Pressure from national party leaders, democrats and republicans, was brought to bear upon the Tar Heels solons in an effort to have North Carolina become the thirty-sixth state to ratify the federal amendment, but it was useless since the majority of the members in the lower house had already made up their minds to defeat the measure.

Mrs. Fannie Schmidt died at her home in Marion last Friday. She is survived by five children.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

#### OLD FORT

Old Fort, Aug. 30.—Miss Clara Martin has returned to Andrews after visiting Mrs. G. B. Strickland for several days.

Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Mock and baby are visiting Mrs. Mock's parents in Buncombe county.

The next session of the Old Fort Graded and High School will open Monday, Sept. 6. All beginners are required to enter school the first two weeks or wait until after Christmas.

Quite a number of Old Fort people spent Monday at Catawba Falls and seemed to enjoy the day.

The town of Old Fort was saddened late Friday afternoon when the news was received that Mrs. Leroy Blackwelder had passed away. She had been a great sufferer for the past seven years, but bore her suffering with much patience. She was buried Sunday at Old Fort. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved.

Several Boy Scouts from Old Fort and other points are enjoying a camping trip to Mount Mitchell this week.

Mrs. J. W. Lewis and Miss Bertha Phipper of Jacksonville, Fla., are spending the summer in Old Fort.

Hugo Blackwelder, of Birmingham, Ala., Lee Blackwelder of Spartanburg, Mrs. Kirksey of Bostic, Mrs. Huff of Asheville, and Mrs. McElroy of Old Fort, children of Mr. and Mrs. Blackwelder, were here attending the burial of their mother.

Miss Elaine Mashburn and several of her little friends enjoyed the birthday of Elaine Monday afternoon from 3 to 6.

Mrs. Fannie Hall and Jas. Hall of Marion spent the week-end at Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bradley's.

Mrs. E. J. Evans of Asheville is visiting Mrs. P. H. Mashburn.

The family of Willie Nichols is leaving this week for Forest City to make their home. Mr. Nichols is engaged in the barber trade there.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nichols spent the week-end in Asheville.

Miss Rachel Monroe of Salisbury is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Caplan.

Robert Greenlee of Statesville spent the week-end in Old Fort with Dr. and Mrs. Johnson.

Winslow Arney of Pittsburgh is at home on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Arney.

Sidney Mauney returned from Gastonia last Friday.

#### GARDEN CITY

Garden City, Aug. 31.—Miss Della Gibbs, who is teaching at Graphiteville, spent the week-end with home-folks.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Buchanan and little daughter, Eugene, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Ellis last week.

Miss Nell and Dora Gibbs are visiting friends at Sanford and Winston-Salem.

Melvin Patton and sister, Estelle, have returned from a visit to Ruffin. E. D. Ellis and son, Vernon, spent Saturday in Marion.

Lee Quinn spent the week-end with his parents last week.

Miss Lula Mae Gibbs was in Marion shopping Saturday.

Mrs. Curtis has returned home after spending several days in Marion. W. D. Long spent last week in Mitchell county.

Mrs. Rosa Thomas and children are visiting at the home of J. G. Patton.

Mrs. J. E. Jimerson and daughter, Thessa, are visiting at Jefferson City, Tenn.

School opened Monday with an enrollment of ninety students. Mr. T. A. Woody of Marshall is principal with Misses Bertha Morris and Mae Jordan assistant teachers. It is hoped that this will be the most successful year in the history of the

school.

There will be an ice cream supper at the Garden City school house Saturday night, September 4. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. The proceeds will be used to purchase desks as there is great need for them.

#### CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Route 2, Aug. 31.—Mrs. A. W. Gilliam of Gastonia, who has been visiting relatives here for the past few months, is leaving today for her home. She is accompanied by Miss Docia Lytle who will spend some days visiting relatives in Gastonia. Theodore Nanney has returned home after visiting relatives in Durham.

Mrs. E. C. Gilliam of Asheville has been visiting relatives here for the past week.

Frank Turner made a business trip to Marion today.

Miss Ruth Erwin of Henrietta, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. W. Lavender, leaves today to spend some time visiting relatives at Greenlee and Marion.

We are glad to see the sunshine again after the heavy rains of last week. Several bridges were washed away and considerable damage was done when the creeks were up last week.

Lee Lavender has gone to May-worth to work.

Rev. C. P. Holland is conducting a revival at Cherry Springs.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Will Noblitt of Old Fort was buried at Cherry Springs last Sunday.

Burnett Holt of Hot Springs visited his grandfather, W. M. Lavender, last week.

Miss Flora Stepp spent the week-end with homefolks near Old Fort.

Alonzo Davis of Old Fort visited his parents here last Wednesday.

Mr. Williams of South Carolina was a visitor at the home of J. T. Davis last week.

#### ASHFORD

Ashford, Aug. 30.—The people of this place are glad to welcome the bright sunshine this morning.

J. E. Wilson is visiting friends near Marion.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Keefe, Aug. 28, a son.

Julius McGee visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. S. E. McCall is visiting relatives in Spruce Pine.

Mrs. T. D. Crockett has been very ill for the past week but is improving.

Miss Alda English spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Miss Mabel Crockett of Hickory came home Saturday to spend a few days with her mother who is ill.

Miss Frances Crockett left today for Burnsville where she will enter school.

The Ashford school is progressing nicely with Prof. Wilson as principal and Miss Hicks as assistant. Mr. Wilson is a graduate of Berea College and Miss Frances Hicks is a graduate of Nebo High School.

#### DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, Aug. 30.—R. E. Roper was called to Charlotte last Thursday to see his daughter, Miss Lucy, who was operated on for appendicitis. He returned Sunday and reported that his daughter was getting on nicely.

John Poteet of Morganton was a visitor here Saturday and Sunday.

G. D. Taylor of Nebo visited his mother during the week. She is in very feeble health.

Rev. Lee Jones has been elected to serve the Baptist church another year.

There was a reunion of the Cowan family and relatives down at Uncle Hamp Cowan's old place yesterday. Something like two hundred people were in attendance.

T. E. Satterwhite is ill with rheumatism.

Miss Regina Matthews of Rock Hill, S. C., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor.

Miss Kate Satterwhite is spending a few days in Marion.

## NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

### Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Frank Henderson, Madison county, held in the Buncombe county jail, charged with the murder of his wife, made a confession of the killing Sunday afternoon.

The two-year-old son of a farmer by the name of Whitaker, living in Yadkin county, was shot through the head and killed by his 7-year-old brother Thursday afternoon.

W. C. Hammer, of Asheboro, district attorney for the western district of North Carolina, has tendered his resignation to Attorney-General Palmer. It will take effect as soon as his successor is named.

Mr. E. C. Duncan, former Republican national committeeman from North Carolina and prominent business man of Raleigh, died Sunday morning at 1:30 o'clock at the Davis House in Beaufort, where he had been critically ill since his return from the national Republican convention in Chicago last June. Mr. Duncan was a delegate-at-large to the convention from this State.

#### GREENLEE

Greenlee, Aug. 30.—Ernest Wright of Topton and Miss Mary Sue Walls of this place were married Tuesday, August 17th, Rev. McMahan officiating. Shortly after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Wright left on train No. 21 for Topton where they will make their home. Their many friends wish them a long and happy wedded life.

Miss Ruth Greenlee and Miss Byrd were shopping in Marion Saturday.

Don Crawley of Harmony Grove was a visitor here Saturday and Sunday.

A number of folks from here attended the singing convention in Marion, Sunday.

Zeb Snipes of Cana, visited his parents here the latter part of last week.

Sidney Hall of Spruce Pine visited homefolks here last week.

Murry Tate made a business trip to Asheville last Friday.

Miss Florence Wright of Topton is visiting her sister, Mrs. Crisp.

Mr. J. H. Cuthbertson died at his home Wednesday after a long illness. He was well known in the community and was a faithful member of the Baptist church. His body was laid to rest in the Oak Grove cemetery. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, eight children and a host of friends. John Pendergrass is on the sick list.

Miss Margaret Towse of Asheville spent Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. McHoge and child of Ridgecrest visited homefolks here Sunday.

Melvin Burnett of Asheville spent yesterday with homefolks here.

E. H. McCall made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

#### GLENWOOD

Nealsville, Aug. 28.—Mrs. James Mashburn and little daughter, Blanche, spent last week with relatives in Spartanburg, S. C.

Misses Annie and Elizabeth Morris of Forest City spent Saturday and Sunday here with their parents.

Miss Hallie Logan of Gilkey is visiting friends and relatives here.

John T. Bulle and sister, Miss Jennie, of Greenville, S. C., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Westmorland last week.

Mrs. Grover Hunter and daughter, Lucile, of Asheville, are visiting Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Mashburn.

Mrs. W. C. Morris was shopping in Marion, Tuesday.

Miss Bessie Rayburn has returned to Erwin, Tenn., where she will resume her work.

Mrs. Lou Goforth is reported very ill. We hope she will soon recover. Floyd Morris made a business trip to Forest City last week.