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ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM CLINCHFIELD

Vocational Night School Organized—Basket Ball Game—Honor Roll.

Last Thursday night a vocational night school was organized at Clinchfield by Mr. Fred Willis, who has charge of that branch of the educational work in North Carolina. About fifty of Clinchfield's ambitious workmen showed their interest by being present for the organization of classes in weaving, spinning, carding, mill arithmetic, etc. These classes are to be conducted by men of experience; men who are heads of these departments. J. F. Miller has charge of the spinning class; Boyce Sprinkle, of the carding class; R. O. Wiley, of the weaving class, and C. W. Wilson has charge of the arithmetic class. If there is need for them other classes will be organized. The only cost for those taking the work is the cost of text books.

By persistent effort in pursuing one course until its completion and taking up another it is perfectly possible for an ordinary workman to work himself up to a superintendent. Each twenty lessons is called a school. As soon as one school closes another may be started and these continue as long as interest is shown. It is announced that fifty-three such schools have been organized in North Carolina this year. It is the ambition of the organizers that the Clinchfield shall be one of the best of the fifty-three.

Playing their first game of the season the boys Clinchfield school quintet, on last Friday afternoon, won over Nebo High, with a score of slightly less than three to one. Clinchfield assumed the lead at the first and retained it throughout the remainder of the contest. At the end of the first half the score was 11 to 2 to which, in the second half Clinchfield added 4 and Nebo 4. Clinchfield showed a great deal more ability at tossing goals, but Nebo did some good pass work. Both teams deserve credit for the showing they made, as for them basket ball is somewhat of a new sport.

The well known entertainer, Miss Beulah E. McNemar, gave one of her delightful programs at the Clinchfield auditorium last Tuesday night. Miss McNemar occupies an enviable position on the American platform of today. She has entertained in almost every state in the Union and before most prominent gathering, and always charms her hearers. She always presents a program that is elevating and instructive. Her varied program was divided into three parts, between each part the Clinchfield band rendered appropriate selections. A musical selection by little Frank Jolly and Lucile Baker brought much applause.

The Clinchfield School honor roll for the past month is as follows:

First grade: Nora Norton, Clara Bradley, Kellogg Finley. Second grade: Stephen Bradley, Robert Lawing, Ray Minish, Lawson Smith, Mabel Thomas, Emory Gregory. Third grade: Essie Martin. Fourth grade: Lucile Baker and Bessie Brooks. Fifth grade: Eugene Dobson and Ruth Hollifield. Sixth grade: Louise Saunders and Bettie Lusk. Seventh grade: Mabel Sprinkle. Eighth grade: Edwin Brown.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION

Oasis Theatre announces that they have been fortunate to secure a real Vaudeville Show for Marion for Friday of this week, consisting of the famous Mack Sennett feature-comedy picture Yankee Doodle in Berlin, accompanied by a special pianist and a troupe of six pretty girls who will give singing and dancing specialties after the picture. This is a company which ordinarily only plays in much larger towns than Marion. There will be an afternoon performance commencing at 3 o'clock.

A STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM—ITS MEANING.

By Dr. L. B. Morse.

Perhaps the most frequent question asked regarding the forthcoming highway legislation, is: What highways are to be built and are certain highways to have precedence over others? These are pertinent questions. The public has a right to know and to be assured, as far as may be, as to the policy that will be followed in matters of this kind.

First of all it must be plain that neither individuals nor road organizations will have anything to do with the deciding as to a road system to be included in the State's program nor as to the priority of work pursued. Any bill that may be passed by the legislature will delegate, as it should do, all this authority to the State Highway Commission.

This is the one organized and constituted body that has to deal with State-wide road matters. It is through it alone that Federal aid is now apportioned to road projects all over the State. A practically completed road system has been definitely set forth by this Commission, copies of which can be had for the asking. This system as laid out is the result of a vast amount of study of the peculiar conditions, needs and topography of the State and embraces the entire commonwealth, giving prominence or favor to no particular section. Even a casual glance at the proposed system would convince the most sceptical that the rights of everyone is safeguarded. So much as to where roads are to be constructed.

As to the priority of work in the event of a very considerable amount of money being spent under State funds. The Commission has on its membership men from widely separated sections of the State who have given every proof of their conscientious endeavor to protect the State as a whole. And as they have done this in the past it would certainly appear that the Commission can be trusted to do so in the future. Inequalities of course exist, but in the main it must be admitted that the activities of the State Highway Commission have been very generally distributed over the State.

Of course there are many counties which have even thus far received little benefit from Federal aid road money; but, it must be remembered that the State in itself had no funds (except automobile license fees) and the Federal appropriations were only spent where there was County initiative. All too commonly—as might have been anticipated—the wealthier Counties more quickly availed themselves of Federal aid which was their privilege under the law. That the other and poorer Counties did not do so was unfortunate, but in no wise is the Commission responsible in the matter. They had no power to expend Government funds in those counties which did not qualify.

It would surely appear that the attitude of the State Highway Commission would certainly be fair to the several Counties as well as to the State as a whole, both as to highways to be improved and likewise in the matter of pursuing the work in each and every County as soon and as rapidly as the exigencies of the case would admit, so that the construction of a great system of hard surfaced highways would be built as evenly and as uniformly as possible.

NEW RAILROAD COMPLETED.

Asheville, Nov. 18.—The Carolina and Georgia railway, from Andrews in Cherokee county to Hayesville in Clay, has been completed and opened to the public, thus opening up the last great section of the state without a railway and giving a railway to what is believed to be the last county in the state without a railway.

Fourteen states, not including Germany, have applied for admission into the league of nations.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

MARION, RT. 2.

Marion, Rt. 2, Nov. 18.—Miss Laura Shirlen of Marion spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. Phifer Davis.

Miss Sue Dobbins of Nix creek is visiting friends here.

R. H. McCall visited friends near Old Fort, Sunday.

Mrs. T. F. Dobbins of Mt. Airy is spending some time with home-folks here.

J. G. McCall was a visitor at the home of Mr. — Coldwell, Sunday.

Miss Signa Fleming and Mrs. Dora Grant of Old Fort spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Grant.

Logan Bradley was a visitor at the home of William Snipes, Sunday.

CATAWBA VALLEY

Old Fort, Rt. 1, Nov. 22.—The farmers are about through sowing wheat and gathering corn.

Miss Annie Bradley made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

Maude and Leon Silver have gone to Jefferson City, Tenn., to visit relatives.

Mrs. William Hicks, who has been ill with "flu," has returned to her school at Oakdale.

Willard Kelley spent Sunday afternoon at the home of T. H. Allison.

John Porter of Swannanoa is spending a few days here with his uncle, T. A. Porter.

Walker Parker of Crooked creek spent the week-end with his grandparents here.

Walter Porter went in search of a bear on the Blue Ridge Saturday but returned without "old bruin."

T. J. Silver of Old Fort was a visitor here yesterday.

Miss Sarah Bradley is spending a few days in Old Fort with her sister, Mrs. T. J. Silver.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, Nov. 22.—J. A. Swann made a business trip to Hickory during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Swann of Marion were visitors at the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Huffman, Sunday.

J. T., little son of Mrs. Hennie Poteet, died on the 17th at the home of his uncle, M. A. Poteet. Interment was made at Chapel Hill burying ground.

Mrs. J. T. Barnes spent the week-end in Marion.

Farmers have finished sowing wheat and corn shuckings seem to be the order of the day.

Mr. Noah Turner, who has been seriously ill for quite awhile, died Monday, Nov. 15, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. D. Smith. The funeral services were conducted Tuesday at Chapel Hill Baptist church by Rev. J. C. Story, and interment made at Chapel Hill burying ground. The deceased is survived by three children—Mrs. J. F. Poteet, Mrs. H. D. Smith and Ed. Turner. Mr. Turner was in his 84th year. He was a consistent christian, being a member of the Baptist church for about 40 years, and a Confederate veteran. May the Holy Spirit and Comforter comfort the loved ones left behind.

Those present were: Virginia Conley, Fred Conley, Roy Litaker, Elizabeth Neal, Albert Neal, Grace Mary Justice, Grace and Joe Reid, Hubert Bolch, Miriam Story, Joe Noyes, Virginia and Kelly Gilkey, Lila Mae Lonon, Robert Dale, Blanche Hutto, William J. Wilkinson, Charles Sinclair, Edgar and Alfred McCall, Katherine Giles, Mackey Neal, Charlotte Winborne, James and Cody Hipps, James Outz, Mary Goldsmith, Roberta Neal, Kenneth Whitener and Kate Cowan.

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THANKSGIVING SERVICES AT OLD FORT

There will be a Union Thanksgiving service at the Methodist church in Old Fort next Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody invited. The people of the community are urged to attend and give thanks unto the Lord for His great blessings during the year now closing. Rev. C. P. Holland, pastor of the Baptist church, will preach the sermon.

Thirty persons are reported killed at Dublip, Ireland, Sunday, when "black and tans" fire on a football crowd.

HEAD ON COLLISION NEAR MARION SATURDAY

Two freight trains ran together in a head on collision near Clinchfield Junction last Saturday afternoon. A misunderstanding on the part of the engineer on the train going east seems to have been the cause of the collision. The engineer on the train going west saw the down going train rounding the curve at a high rate of speed, in time to shut off his steam, and escape from his engine. The engine of the train going west was almost at a standstill when struck by the engine of the train going east. However, considerable damage was done in the way of wreckage. Several cars were almost entirely demolished. The engines were badly damaged and one man injured. Two cars loaded with cattle and hogs were wrecked and a number of the hogs were killed. The cattle, in some mysterious way, escaped from the wrecked car and in a few minutes after the trains came together the woods were literally full of calves and cows. The cattle and hogs were rounded up by the railroad force and brought to the stock pens at Marion where they were re-loaded the following day and continued on their journey.

The news of the wreck soon reached town and a large number of people hurried to the scene. It was a novel sight to many to see two monstrous engines rammed together. But for the fact that the engineer on the up going train saw the other train in time to stop, the damage and injury would have doubtless been great.

SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR THANKSGIVING SEASON

The schools of the county suspended activities Wednesday afternoon for the Thanksgiving season. A number of the schools will remain closed thru the balance of the week, the teachers taking advantage of the holiday to attend the Assembly in Asheville. A large delegation from the county will attend. The following delegates, who will represent the local unit of the Assembly, are among those in attendance: Superintendents N. F. Stepe, T. A. Holton, G. B. Strickland, Mr. D. F. Giles, Mr. T. A. Woody, Misses Mary Greenlee, Blanche Penny, Coe-stia Tenny and Mary Poteat.

The program of the Assembly this year is an unusually strong one. Holding its sessions in Asheville makes it convenient for teachers of the western part of the State. It is expected that the number of teachers who will attend the Assembly this year will break all previous records. Superintendent N. F. Stepe left Tuesday to be present at the first meeting of the County Superintendents Tuesday night.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Hazel Whitten, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Whitten, entertained a number of her small friends Monday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30, the occasion being the celebration of her eighth birthday. The little folks enjoyed games and a contest after which refreshments, consisting of cake and cream, fruits and mints, were served.

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NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

H. R. Tucker and G. G. Cauble were injured but not fatally when they drop 200 or 300 feet in an airplane at Camp Greene, Charlotte.

The friends of Sheriff John A. Isenhower, of Catawba county, are urging that Mr. Isenhower be appointed United States Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina, to take the place of Chas. A. Webb. Brownlow Jackson, of Hendersonville, is also being endorsed for the same position.

Mrs. Harry J. Zehm, whose husband was for a dozen years head of the music department of Elizabeth college here, for several years organist in one of the leading local churches, but who four months ago disappeared, was found asphyxiated in her home in Charlotte Sunday with her pet dog, also dead, clasped in her arms. Authorities pronounced it a clear case of suicide, after reading a letter, written in German, which she left addressed to a family friend, asking for a simple funeral.

The North Carolina Methodist Conference, in session in Rocky Mount, adopted the report of the Conference and social service board which declares war on the running of Sunday trains, the printing of Sunday newspapers, playing baseball and golf and all unnecessary things on the Sabbath, and invokes the national Conference to protect the Lord's Day. The report asks that moving pictures be censored, that cigarettes be kept from the boys, indorses the movement for league of nations and indorses the work of the anti-Saloon League.

DOUBLE MURDER OF BRUTAL CHARACTER

Gaffney, S. C., Nov. 21.—Officers Saturday night arrested Roy Henderson, aged 16, who is alleged to have killed two small boys, Frank and Floyd Kirby, aged six and eight years, late Saturday in the Blue Branch neighborhood, six miles from Gaffney.

Information gathered by the officers indicate a double murder of the most brutal character.

Henderson, according to the account given out by the officers, enticed the smaller boys away from home with him to go hunting, and when near a creek he shot the younger lad, blowing off the top of his head and a part of his hand; then beat the larger boy over the head with his gun until he was dead, after which he threw both bodies into the creek, where they were found later by their father, who became anxious and went in search of them.

Henderson Denies Killing.

Henderson denied the killing after his arrest. He is quoted as saying that he left Frank and Floyd Kirby at a certain point after they went out hunting with him.

GLENN LIPPARD, YOUNG WHITE MAN, MURDERED

Hickory, Nov. 21.—Glenn Lippard, a young white man, was murdered and apparently robbed by unknown persons just across the Burke county line on the Rhodhiss road, it developed this afternoon with the finding of his body by some horsemen who saw it from the highway.

A pistol bullet has crashed into his head and his skull was crushed with the butt end of a pistol, a part of which was found nearby. A crumpled dollar bill and a flat purse also were found.

Lippard, who was employed by a Hickory concern, was said to have had about \$700 with him when last seen last night.

The U. S. treasury opposes postponement of payment of federal tax installments due December 15.