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THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH SENDS NURSE

Will Visit Each of the Sixty-Six Schools in County; Tells Nature of Her Work.

Dr. G. M. Cooper, Director of the Bureau of Medical Inspection of Schools, has placed Miss Mirdie Dunn of McDowell county to make a survey of the health of the school children. She expects to visit every school in the county and will follow up the teachers in their physical examination of pupils.

These findings are not to be regarded in the nature of a diagnosis, but they express the opinion of the nurse. Parents are notified of defects found, with the recommendation to consult a physician for actual diagnosis and treatment.

Miss Dunn has the following to say in regard to the nature of the work:

The physical examination of school children for defects that retard normal physical or mental development of at least 50 per cent of the school children of America has begun in this county. These children are often regarded by parents and teachers as dull when, if the truth were known, in many instances the child is half blind, toric from bad teeth, adenoids or diseased tonsils or his brain and body are lacking the stimulus of proper food.

Malnutrition is really one of the most fundamental causes of these ills. The teeth decay and the general bodily resistance is lowered from under-nourishment. There are five million school children in the United States suffering from malnutrition. They have plenty to eat, but the parents, either through ignorance or indifference, do not select the right food to build the body. It is the balanced diet that should be put before the child.

Among the most common defects are defective teeth, diseased and enlarged tonsils, adenoids, poor vision, bad posture, malnutrition and lack of personal hygiene.

It has been said that, "The soul needs saving only when the mind and body are wrong" and also that "The manner in which its children are reared is in truth perhaps the best measure of the civilization of a race."

If this be true, then a great responsibility falls upon the parent and surely it is the first duty of every parent to see that their children have healthy minds and bodies.

Mothercraft, which means skilled motherhood, should be regarded as a profession and yet we still find intelligent women depending upon "mother instinct" to guide them in the care of our children. This same "mother instinct" which tradition idealizes is responsible largely for the sixteen million defective school children in this fair land of ours today.

Most of these defects are preventable and a large per cent are of a remedial nature. With these handicaps the child has poor chance of attaining his normal development of mind or body, and without correction, premature death or invalidism in many cases. Only ten per cent of school children reach High School.

Defective children are also more susceptible to the communicable diseases and the illness-absence less during the school age is an injustice to the child and a serious economic loss to the community and the state. Some authorities claim that much of crime, incorrigibility and even insanity are a frequent result of these physical defects and it has been positively demonstrated that many children suffering from these various handicaps improve in health, disposition and scholarship when proper correction is made.

Our goal is a healthy individual and this is attainable in a large measure through right habits in food, rest, exercise, fresh air and personal cleanliness. It is the duty of the school nurse to visit the various

schools in the county, examine the children for physical defects and report these defects to the parents. Health talks are made in each school and the children are instructed in the elements of good health. Let us remember that, "The wealth of a nation lies in the health of its children."

DISTRICT MEETING OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

The Western North Carolina District of the Christian Endeavor Union met in its annual convention in the Marion Presbyterian Church on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17th and 18th. The opening session was held on Saturday afternoon. The address of welcome was given by Miss Mary Poteat and the response by Miss Helen Marlowe of Asheville. Mr. H. C. Jarvis, district president, spoke of the work of the district union during the past year and of plans for the coming year. The convention theme, "Christian Endeavor Four-Square," was explained by Mr. Frank P. Wilson, North Carolina Christian Endeavor Field Secretary. The president appointed the following committees: Nominating committee: Miss Grace Finley, Marion; Miss Helen Marlowe, Asheville; Mr. D. F. Presson, Crossnore. Resolution committee: Miss Verda McIntyre, Asheville; Miss Lucy McNeely, Mooresville; Lee Barrett, Asheville. Committee on Time and Place: D. K. Kennerly, Statesville; Miss Louise Evans, Hendersonville; Miss Louise McComb, Hickory.

Following the adjournment of the afternoon meeting supper was served on the lawn by the Marion Christian Endeavor Society.

At the Saturday evening session, Miss Verda McIntyre explained the Monthly Service Program. The address of the evening, "Planning a Four-Square Program," was delivered by Mr. Frank P. Wilson.

Sunday morning Rev. J. C. Story, pastor of the Marion Presbyterian Church, spoke to the young people, taking as his subject "The Importance of the Little Things in Life."

Sunday afternoon reports from the different societies were heard, and a conference on graded Christian Endeavor was held. The Chairman of the nominating committee made the following report: President, H. C. Jarvis, Asheville; Vice-president, D. F. Presson, Crossnore; Secretary, Miss Helen Marlowe, Asheville; Treasurer, Miss Lucy McNeely, Mooresville; Junior Superintendent, Mrs. F. B. Gwin, Marion; Intermediate Superintendent, D. K. Kennerly, Statesville; Missionary and Tenth Legion Superintendent, Miss Elsie House, Marion; Quiet Hour and Life Work Recruit Superintendent, Miss Verda McIntyre, Asheville. These officers were elected by the convention.

At seven o'clock Sunday evening the Christian Endeavor Society of the Marion Presbyterian church held its weekly prayer meeting, Mr. Winfield Keeter being leader. After a song and prayer service, the district officers were installed by Mr. Wilson.

At this last meeting the members of the convention had the opportunity of hearing Mr. Chas. F. Evans of Chattanooga, Secretary of the Southern Christian Endeavor Union. Mr. Evans' subject was "The Four-Square Endeavor" and he made an earnest appeal to each delegate to go back home, resolved to make his Christian Endeavor Society "Four-Square." The closing consecration service led by Mr. Evans was very impressive.

JUDGE ADAMS ELEVATED TO STATE SUPREME COURT

Raleigh, Sept. 19.—Governor Morrison tonight announced the triple appointment of Judge William J. Adams, of Carthage, to the Supreme court, to succeed the late Associate Justice William R. Allen; Solicitor Walter E. Brock, of Wadesboro, to succeed Judge Adams on the Superior court bench, and State Senator M. W. Nash, of Hamlet, solicitor to succeed Mr. Brock.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Sept. 19.—Miss Estelle Lavender spent Saturday with relatives on Crooked Creek.

Misses Branham and Goswick, two of the Graded school teachers, spent Saturday in Asheville.

Clarence Mauney, Royce McDaniel, Kimball Miller and Paul McCannless, members of the senior class, spent the week-end camping in the mountains. The boys report, having seen some bear tracks.

Miss Tomlinson, a former teacher in the Old Fort High school, is visiting Mrs. Marshall here.

Miss Elsie Drake of Asheville, visited Miss Mae Kennedy last week.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnson and Miss Mary Burgin visited Dr. Johnson's father at Tate Springs, last week.

The Bryson-Snyder Company have purchased the mercantile business of J. L. Nichols and company.

Miss Signa Flemming was given a surprise party Friday night by a number of friends.

Gordon Grant had his right arm severely injured when struck by a baseball Saturday.

A picnic party in honor of the new members of the faculty was given at Gatlin's Lake on last Thursday night. A nice time was reported.

Miss Alva Goswick, Miss Dell Branham, Mr. Herbert Duncan and Mr. Fred Bradley motored to Asheville Saturday to attend Field's minstrels.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Rt. 2, Sept. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Gilliam of Louisville, Ky., visited Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Davis last week.

Misses Lela and Fannie Melton spent the week-end visiting relatives at Union Mills.

J. Lee Lavender left Wednesday for Wake Forest.

Luther Lytle of Greenlee visited friends here Sunday.

Miss Bessie Cuthbertson spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Cassie Burgin at Old Fort.

Fodder pulling is about completed and several are making preparations to make molasses.

Mrs. Joe Gibson of Old Fort is visiting relatives here.

Misses Myrtle Lytle, Janie and Tressie Parker and Pearl and Rose Turner have entered the high school at Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lackey and daughter, Miss Daisy, of Kingsport, Tenn., spent the week-end with J. S. Lavender and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills Melton of Old Fort spent the week-end with relatives here.

Miss Estelle Lavender of Old Fort visited relatives on the creek Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Carmel Melton of Marion spent the week-end with homefolks here.

C. L. Lytle of Greenlee was a visitor here Sunday.

CURFEW

Curfew, Sept. 20.—Bruce and Charles Brown and Mr. Berry of Spartanburg, S. C., were visitors at the home of M. A. Parker last week.

Miss Thelma Hogan of Crooked Creek spent the latter part of the week with Mrs. John Reel.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jolly and children, Mrs. Bessie Saunders and Miss Laura Reel visited the latter's mother, Mrs. Lou Reel, Sunday.

Miss Ethel Morgan has returned to Marion after spending her vacation with homefolks here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reel and children spent Sunday at C. N. Hogan's on Crooked Creek.

Miss Edna Hawkins has returned to Marion after spending some time with homefolks here.

MONTFORDS COVE

Union Mills, Rt. 1, Sept. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Banning of Marion visited their daughter, Mrs. Homer Ledbetter, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Nichols and children and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Nichols motored to the cove Sunday.

Walter Gilbert of Shelby stopped with friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Curtis Williams and little daughter, Rachel, are visiting in the Cove.

Jonas Harris and Homer Earley of Maple Creek were visitors here last week.

Miss Laura Adams left last week for Fairview where she will enter school.

Mrs. E. M. Stott was carried to Rutherfordton last week to take treatment at the hospital.

John Harris gave a singing last Saturday night for the young folks.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hemphill visited Mrs. E. M. Stott at the Rutherford hospital, Sunday.

Miss Ella Grant has returned from a weeks' stay in Marion.

Misses Ethel Ledbetter and Floy Williams spent Thursday with Mrs. W. M. Wilson.

Misses Annie Sue Harris, Maude Stott and Nell Harris, students at Round Hill, spent the week-end here with their parents.

Misses Bertha Morris and Dora Hemphill attended services in the Cove Sunday.

Little Nora Harris has been right sick for several days.

Mrs. W. M. Wilson is on the sick list.

Homes have been assigned for all the delegates in the Green River Baptist Association, which will be held here Sept. 28-Oct. 3.

Ernest Koon was a guest at the home of Pink Simmons Sunday.

Miss Bertha Morris is spending her vacation with her parents.

Mrs. W. M. Wilson, R. P. Morris and A. R. Hemphill visited Mrs. D. C. Brown at Glenwood last Friday.

HARMONY GROVE

Nebo, Rt. 1, Sept. 19.—There will be a singing convention at Harmony Grove church the first Sunday in October. Everybody welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Crawley were in Marion last Wednesday.

Alex Crawley was in Marion last week on business.

Will Toney and family and Floyd Bradley and family visited homefolks here last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benfield were guests at John Simpson's last Sunday.

There was a singing at the home of James Pyatt last Sunday which was much enjoyed by all present.

SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION THIS WEEK

Superior Court for the trial of criminal and civil cases convened in Marion Monday morning with Judge T. J. Shaw, of Greensboro, presiding and Solicitor Bailey prosecuting for the State. The morning session Monday was taken up with the selection of the grand jury, the judge's charge to the grand jury and the reading of the criminal docket. A. H. Giles was made foreman of the grand jury and Mills Bright is officer. Few cases of general importance have been tried so far.

A non-suit was taken in the case against Grayson Norton on the charge of failing to support his wife. The grand jury returned a true bill against J. A. and E. H. Good for the killing of Blanton Autrey. The case was continued until next term. A true bill was also returned by the grand jury against Sam Smith for the murder of his wife. Other cases disposed of include the following: T. C. Coyle, larceny, not guilty. John Poteet, f. and a., sentenced to two years on public roads of Transylvania county. Charles Koon, failure to comply with order of previous court, sentenced to six months on roads. Bertie Arrowood, gambling, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

While fruit and wheat crops are failures, Haywood county has the biggest bean crop in years, according to the Canton Enterprise. The corn crop is good and oats are exceptionally so.

According to reports of physicians, an epidemic of influenza is again prevalent in Goldsboro. So far only one death has been reported and local physicians are hopeful that the epidemic will not prove serious.

Members of the Republican State committee will meet in Greensboro September 27th to select a chairman to succeed Frank Linney, who resigned to become district attorney for the Western district of North Carolina.

Fire of undetermined origin gutted the big department store of Efrid Brothers in Charlotte last Friday morning, destroying and damaging the stock of goods estimated at between \$850,000 and \$400,000. The stock was said to be a total loss, as the goods not actually destroyed were seriously damaged by water and smoke.

James M. Gray, district farm agent for Western North Carolina with headquarters in Asheville, has been appointed assistant director of farm extension work with headquarters in Raleigh, effective October 1.

North Carolina will be divided into four districts instead of five, and redistricting will take place soon after Mr. Gray takes up his work at Raleigh.

DISTRICT CONVENTION ODD FELLOWS SEPT. 22

The 13th district convention of Odd Fellows will be held at Morganton on September 22nd. The afternoon session will begin at 3:30 and the evening session at 7:00 o'clock. One of the outstanding features of the convention will be an address on the "Duty of An Odd Fellow to a Community" by Honorable Claude Sales, of Hendersonville, N. C. Mr. J. R. Ingle, of Lenoir, is supervisor of the district, which comprises Alexander, Catawba, Burke, Caldwell and McDowell counties.

SANDY FLAT SCHOOL AFTER PATENT DESKS

On September 3rd a box supper was enjoyed by a large crowd of people at Sandy Flat school house. The proceeds from the entertainment amounted to \$32.50 which will go to the fund for purchasing new patent desks for the school building. It is realized this small sum will not buy many desks, but plans are being made to give a pie supper and cake walk on Saturday night, Oct. 1, when it is hoped the fund will be greatly increased. This school is anxious to be one of the first schools to install patent desks.

M. E. CONFERENCE AT HIGH POINT

The thirty-second annual session of the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, will be held in Wesley Memorial church, at High Point, for six days beginning Wednesday, October 19, and continuing through the following Monday, October 24.

Bishop U. V. W. Darlington of Huntington, West Va., will preside over sessions of the conference and will also preach a number of times.

In addition to the 260 clerical members of the conference, 88 lay delegates will be present, making the total number of members of the conference well over 300 in addition to the visitors and young ministers who will attend.

Deputy Sheriff F. P. Morgan reports the capture of a still on the Rock House road about two miles from Sugar Hill on Sept. 8.