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BOARD OF EDUCATION IN SESSION MONDAY

Takes First Step in Consolidation and Providing Transportation in the County.

The Board of Education was in regular session last Monday and passed upon the usual routine matters. A number of delegations appeared before the board and it was a rather busy day at the office of the County Superintendent.

The first order for consolidation, providing for transportation of pupils to schools in the county was made. A large strip of country lying between Greenlee and Sugar Hill was made a part of the Stroudtown district, and hereafter the children in this territory will be transported by truck to the Stroudtown school. The territory embraces the Thompson Chapel school district and has a census of something like fifty children. For some time there has been considerable dissatisfaction on the part of the people residing in this section, because of the inaccessibility of school. The Board of Education had made a thorough investigation of the matter, and after looking the section over decided that it would be to the best interest of the children to place them in school where they would have the benefit of a well organized school, with sufficient teachers to give thorough instruction in all the courses of study. Upon conferring with the people the board found that they were highly in favor of the consolidation and transportation arrangement. An order was made for the purchase of a truck to transport the children as soon as possible.

This being the first step in McDowell county providing for transportation, its success will doubtless be watched with much interest by other districts having similar conditions. The plan has been tried in many counties and found to be successful. It is believed that the outcome will be very satisfactory.

WALLACE, THE MAGICIAN,

WILL BE HERE OCT. 11TH

Mr. W. L. Wallace, the Magician and Cartoonist, will give an entertainment at the graded school auditorium in Marion Tuesday night, October 11, at 7:45 o'clock. Mr. Wallace is highly recommended by the press as an excellent entertainer. Since his appearance on the lyceum platform ten years ago, it is announced, he has risen steadily in public favor. As a master magician, Wallace stands at the top as not only an exponent of the magic art but also an inventor of magic. As a chalk talker, Wallace is an artist of rare ability. With swift dexterity he creates scenes both artistic and beautiful while many novel and original humorous characters and events are presented in rapid succession.

The entertainment is given for the benefit of the Science department of the high school and it is hoped friends and patrons of the school will attend and be both entertained and help a cause.

NORTH CAROLINIANS LEADING ON SIZE OF FAMILIES

Washington, Oct. 2.—According to a statement just made public by the bureau of the census, the population of the United States is grouped into 24,351,476 families residing in 20,697,004 dwellings. The average number of persons per family is 4.2 and the average number of persons to a dwelling is 5.1. North Carolina has this record on persons per family: 1921, 5.0; 1910 the same, and 1900, 5.1. There has been a slight falling off in the number. The number of persons to a dwelling ran: 1921, 5.2; 1910, 5.1 and 1900, 5.2. There has been a slight change there.

North Carolina leads all other states in the number of persons per family. It has held that record for 20 years. Five per family is the very top notch.

CONTRACTORS FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION ANNOUNCED

The State Highway Commission has let contracts for the construction of several road projects in this district, two of which are in McDowell county.

Project No. 571 on the central highway beyond Old Fort was let to the J. W. Stapp Construction Company, of Rome, Ga. This project is for 7.2 miles, and the cost of grading will be approximately \$34,000. The masonry on this project went to Prayton-Howton & Wood Construction Company, of Atlanta, Ga. The figures are in the neighborhood of \$84,000.

Project No. 572, which is on the central highway, also between Old Fort and Ridgecrest, including 10 miles of road, was let to the Asheville Construction Company, for the grading, at approximately \$160,000. The masonry was let to W. H. Taylor & Sons, Wilsonville, Ala., at approximately \$22,000.

Project No. 505, in Mitchell county, was bid off at something like \$123,000 for the grading and hard-surfacing. This project includes 5 miles, and went to Fiske-Carter Company, Greenville, S. C.

Project No. 547 in Rutherford county for grading at an estimate of \$33,000 went to Michaux Contracting Company, of Morganton, N. C. The masonry was let to Geer & Wilson, of Rutherfordton, for the sum of \$7500.00.

Work is now under way on all four projects.

ODD FELLOWS TO HAVE DEGREE DEMONSTRATION

During the past week L. W. Moore, Grand Master, Wilmington, N. C., of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was in Asheville and made the announcement that a degree demonstration would be held in Asheville on October 24th and 25th. This demonstration will cover territory from Marion and west and all points west of Blue Ridge Chain. The Odd Fellows are very enthusiastic over the outlook and look forward to this new departure as being a great development for western Carolina.

Candidates from this section will go to Asheville from the territory around Asheville and will be entertained by Asheville Odd Fellows. The Grand Master with other Grand Lodge Officers will be in attendance.

CHILD ACCIDENTALLY KILLED BY OLDER BROTHER

The two-year-old child of Sam Clontz, who lives in Crooked Creek township, was accidentally killed by an older brother, 15 years of age, by the accidental discharge of a shotgun at their home late Saturday afternoon. Full details of the accident are not available. The child was instantly killed, and Mrs. Allen Stewart was seriously wounded by the same discharge. Mrs. Stewart was carried to the Rutherford Hospital, and is reported to be in a rather serious condition. She suffered the loss of several teeth, her face being peppered with shot, and she may lose an eye.

CLINCHCROSS SCHOOL

We are trying to carry out a plan which we hope will be of some help in the making of leaders in this community for future years. We have citizenship charts on which is a list of things each child must do before he can become a good citizen. At the end of every month the children fulfilling the requirements get a gold star. We also have a health chart similar to the other. All children getting gold stars are on the honor roll. Following is the honor roll for September:

Georgia Minish, Ethel Proctor, Manilla Davis, Conley Poteet, John Presnell, Daniel Hitchcock, Vaughn Davis, Paul Epley, Robert Grier, Hazel Stacy, K. Kirkpatrick, Howard Davis, Robert Dills, Charley Minnish, Dea Kirkpatrick.

Teachers, Alda English and Bess Tate.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

LAUREL HILL

Nebo, Rt. 1, Oct. 3.—Quite a large number of the singing people and music lovers of this community attended the all-day singing convention at Harmony Grove church on last Sunday. All reported splendid singing and a most enjoyable occasion in every respect.

Prof. James Street, music teacher and singer of Cane Creek, was a pleasant visitor here last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hair of Spindale spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ellington.

Miss Leafie Queen of Forest City is spending a few days in this community visiting friends and relatives. Miss Quinn is a member of the noted "Jolly Four" quartet of Rutherford county and is a wideawake singer and teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Webb Walker leave Tuesday for Alexander, where they will make their future home with their daughter, Mrs. J. S. Condre.

Miss Biddie Price of Marion spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Tom Cannon, Lloyd Cooper and Ben Whitener of Rutherfordton were here on business one day last week.

Troy Walker of Spindale visited relatives here last Saturday and Sunday.

J. M. Walker, Mrs. M. L. McCurry and daughter, Miss Nora, visited in Forest City, Henrietta and other places in Rutherford county last week.

Mrs. Katherine Cooper of Morganton is here for a short stay with friends and relatives.

L. G. Price has been confined to his home for several days on account of injuries received last Wednesday when a load of hay on which he was riding overturned, throwing him up on the ground. His injuries are not thought to be serious and we hope he will soon be out again.

MONTFORDS COVE

Union Mills, Rt. 1, Oct. 3.—The Green River Baptist Association which met at Montford's Cove Baptist church September 28-30 was well attended and greatly enjoyed. M. L. Edwards of Rutherfordton was elected moderator and Rev. E. P. Sorrels, secretary. The association will meet at Union Mills next year and Rev. James Brown of Glenwood will deliver the opening address.

Mrs. E. Hall of Chuckey, Tenn., has been visiting in the Cove the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ab. Morgan of Fairview attended the Baptist association here during the week.

Miss Louise Brown of Newport News, Va., is spending her vacation with her parents here.

Miss Ella Grant has been right sick for several days.

Miss Louise Crawford was hostess to a number of friends Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Williams and Badger Williams spent the week-end in the Cove.

Mrs. Delia Ledbetter and children spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Vinnie Harris.

Josh Harris has gone to Mayo, S. C., to spend some time with his uncle, Lee Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Burgess and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Nanney and C. W. Nanney and wife spent Sunday at M. R. Nanney's.

Miss Goodloe Haney has reopened her school at White Pine.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Harris, twins—a boy and girl, Ned and Nell.

Miss Lou Morris is visiting at Union Mills.

Farmers are busy making molasses and picking peas.

HAW BRANCH

Old Fort, Oct. 4.—Miss Maria

Reel of Marion visited relatives here Saturday night.

Miss Ethel Morgan of Marion spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Morgan.

Miss Reba Noblitt has entered school at Marion.

J. H. Gilliam visited his daughter, Mrs. A. L. Hogan, near Sugar Hill, Sunday.

Curfew postoffice was discontinued Sept. 30th and patrons in the future will be given service by the Montfords-Old Fort route.

THREE ARE JAILED IN LIPPARD MURDER CASE

Morganton, Sept. 30.—The noted Lippard murder case, which was the center of so much interest in Burke and Catawba counties last winter and due to which two trials have already been held and three men are serving prison sentences, seems to furnish a continued story of mystery and sensational developments. Vernon Lafone, Dan Sipe and Cecil Spencer were placed in jail here tonight, charged with aiding and abetting for the purpose of robbery in the murder of Glenn Lippard near Hickory last November.

With their arrest, Solicitor Huffman is confident that he is taking a step that will lead to the final solution of one of the most difficult criminal cases the state has ever attempted to unravel. For sometime he has been getting corroborative evidence which led to the arrests in Hickory this afternoon and, while declining to talk for publication he gave your correspondent to understand tonight that he believes he has a strong case against the young men. He stated that he expects to take out bench warrants for them and have the hearing next week before Judge Bryson, who is to be here for a civil term of Burke court.

A BIG SAVING IN LIVES FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Since 1915, according to Dr. L. B. McBrayer, 2,237 lives have been saved in North Carolina from tuberculosis. These figures, it is stated, are based on the supposition that the same death rate would have obtained in 1920 as in 1915 if no precautionary measures had been taken but there is small doubt but what the rate would have increased considerable. It has been demonstrated that an active case of tuberculosis who is careless will infect at least 8 other persons and it is therefore stated that at least 17,000 infections have been prevented. This represents a saving in money to North Carolina of over \$68,000,000.

The funds that it has taken to accomplish this are derived from State appropriation and from the sale of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals and the approximate amount so expended during the six-year period has been \$1,000,000. This amount includes not only all State appropriations for tuberculosis work but all funds expended by patients taking treatment at the State Sanatorium and all funds raised throughout the State by the sale of Christmas Seals.

It would, therefore, seem that every dollar invested in tuberculosis work brings an enormous return and Dr. McBrayer further asserts that with an expenditure of two dollars per capita per year for one decade tuberculosis can be practically eliminated.

FOUR TAKEN ON FEDERAL CHARGE

Deputy Marshal W. J. Beachboard has returned from McDowell county where he served warrants upon four men charged with illicit distilling. Ed. Mace was unable to give bond and is being held in jail at Marion. C. C. Gibson, J. F. Osborne and Charles Ward, were placed under \$500 bond each.—Asheville Times.

LAVENDER-MOORE.

Old Fort, Rt. 2, Oct. 4.—Mr. Hubert Lavender and Miss Ella Moore were married Sunday, Rev. G. P. Holland officiating.

SIX MILLION MEN UNDER ARMS, STATE EXPERTS

Figures Will Be Part of Material With Which Disarmament Conference Deals.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Active armies of the 14 most important nations of the world today include approximately six million men, according to figures obtained here and regarded as reasonably correct. With the inclusion of land armaments in the agenda of the forthcoming conference on limitation of armaments, these are the figures with which it was expected the assembled commissioners will have to deal.

While China stands first among the nations in this summary of soldiers actually under arms about September 1, last, being credited with 1,370,000 active troops, France is far ahead, among nations not distressed by civil strife in the number of men with the colors. The French army strength is placed at 1,034,000 men, the British empire stands next with 740,500 and Germany last with 100,000. The United States stands 13th with 149,000 men in the regular army, exceeding only Germany, while Italy has 350,000 and Japan 300,000 active troops.

Figures for other powers include Russia, 538,000; Poland, 450,000; Greece 225,000; Spain, 253,000; Turkey, 152,000; Switzerland, 170,000; Czecho-Slovakia 150,000.

Considering problems connected with attempted reduction of armed forces ashore, it is to be assumed, however, that the Washington conference will of necessity take into consideration many other factors than the forces actually under arms in computing the army strength of any nation for purposes of discussion. Reserve systems, the extent of which reserves have been organized for quick mobilization and the degree of training they have received all would be reviewed by technical experts. In many countries some form of universal military service obligation rests upon the entire male population. Japan, Italy, France, Greece, Czecho-Slovakia, Switzerland and Spain all have in force such laws while among British colonies, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia, have enactments.

By these factors the relative figures take on an even wider discrepancy than when national army strength is viewed from the standpoint of active armies alone. France, for instance, is estimated to have beyond her million men in arms, 4,270,000 reservists, the majority of them highly trained as a result of war experience and the whole body included in a highly organized reserve system that will keep the nation's trained fighting personnel at that point. Italy's 350,000 fighting troops are backed by 4,627,000 reserves in an equal state of preparedness and Japan's 300,000 by another army of 1,845,000 trained and equipped to take the field on short notice.

The United States has at present nothing in the way of organized reserves behind the regular army except the national guard, the movement for organization of a voluntary reserve having just been started.

Still another angle of the army reduction problem which may come up at the conference is the proportion of active and organized reserve personnel to the man power of the nation, the available number of males of fighting age in the population. In France, Italy and some other countries virtually every male fit for army service already either is in active army or has a definite place in the organized and trained reserve. One thing clearly established by these army figures, military experts said, was that the United States alone among the victor nations in the war seems to have completely demobilized. The regular army today is little stronger in numbers than it was before the mobilization in 1917. The national guard, due to reorganization after the war, is actually weaker.