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MCDOWELL RANKS HIGH IN TEACHER TRAINING

Since 1922-23, the average training of the teachers of McDowell county has increased 2.09 years, it is learned from the State Department of Public Instruction, which has just completed a study of the scholastic preparation of the white teachers in all the counties and 34 of the largest cities of the state.

In 1922-23, the index of training of the white teachers in this school system was 4.32, whereas the past year, 1928-29, the index of the teachers employed was 6.41. In other words, better prepared teachers are now employed than were six years ago.

The average training of all rural white teachers of the state is now 2.19 college years, and of city teachers 3.44 years in college. Thus, it is noted that the training of teachers in the McDowell system is considerably above the state average of all rural teachers. Only three counties have made more professional progress than McDowell county, so far as college training is concerned.

In the adjoining counties the indices of white teachers for 1928-29 were as follows: Burke county 5.46; Yancey county 5.46; Mitchell county 5.38; Rutherford county 6.60; Buncombe county 6.46.

FOURTEEN BOYS REPORT FOR BASKETBALL TEAM

With the 1929 football season past, and that portion of athletic endeavor history, Coach Joby Hawn is turning his efforts to the second major sport which will hold the spot light for the next two and one-half months.

In the past it has been hard to create a high spirit in basketball, but Coach Hawn will do everything in his power to bring the interest in the cage game to a high level. The local mentor will have his hands full producing a winning combination, for his men are light and inexperienced.

Fourteen men have reported to the call to arms, five of whom are letter men from last year's team. Much time will be required to whip these men into shape, and even more time will be required to teach the fundamentals of the hard floor game to the new men.

The offensive strength of this season's quintet will largely depend upon the development of Leo Suggs and Atticus Suttles, forwards, while the defensive power will depend upon Karcher Clay, center, and James Ouzts, guard.

The men that reported to Coach Hawn's initial call were: forwards, Leo Suggs, Atticus Suttles, Jack Bell, Virgil Bradburn and Wallace Winborne; centers: Karcher Clay, Albert Greene, and Jack Houk; guards: Landis Laughridge, James Ouzts, Bud Hennessee, Clarence Rabb, Jack Banks and Joe Noyes.

OFFICERS DESTROY THREE MORE STILLS

George Duncan, Ben Henley, and T. B. Conley went scouting up in the Lake James district for moonshiners last Tuesday and due to their keen knowledge of the trails in the wilds, they bagged one copper and two steam stills.

Up on Linville mountain, in a secluded crevice, they found a 40-gallon steam outfit, with some beer and three large vats nearby. On the bank of the beautiful Lake James about a quarter of a mile apart, a 50-gallon steam still and a 40-gallon copper still were located.

A great quantity of beer was found at each place, including all the necessary accessories that are essential for the business. Evidence clearly showed that the men who were operating the latter two stills had left hurriedly at the approach of the officers. The officers stated that it was almost impossible to move in the woods at this time of the year without making enough noise to give alarm, due to the dry tinder covering mother earth, consequently no arrests were made.

The producers of the picture claim that RICHARD BARTHELMESS in "DRAG" presents an even more entertaining picture than "Weary River". At Marion Theatre on Thursday and Friday.

MARION SCHOOL NEWS

The Marion High School had a total of 26 students who failed two or more subjects the first report period of six weeks. The parents of these students were notified by the office of the principal and a request was made for them to visit the school to find the cause of the failures by a conference with the teachers and principal. The number responding to this request was very gratifying. Practically every person who was requested to do so got in touch with the school either by a personal visit or by telephone. As a result of the co-operation of parents with the High School 18 of the 26 students already mentioned made a great improvement in their work. The 26 students failed a total of 63 subjects the first period while the same group failed a total of 24 subjects the second period.

There was a total of 16 students in the period just passed who failed two or more subjects and 8 of them were numbered in the original 26. The parents of these pupils will be called upon also by the principal and further co-operation will be appreciated and the pupil concerned will be benefitted. The purpose of the visits by the principal is to find the real cause of failures and then try to eliminate them by working with each pupil.

The percentage of grades for the high school was very good taken as a whole. The enrollment of the high school is 241. A total of 70 ones were given (95-100), 196 twos (90-95), 400 threes (80-90), 251 fours (70-80), and 91 fives (failure). On a percentage basis this means that 7 per cent of the total grades given were ones, 19 per cent twos, 40 per cent threes, 25 per cent fours, and 9 per cent failures.

Grade 3-A entertained their mothers at a delightful Thanksgiving party a week ago last Wednesday afternoon in their school room. The little folks sang songs and gave readings about Thanksgiving, followed by talks by Prof. Richardson and Mrs. Jonas. Mrs. Washburn, grade mother, assisted by Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Grant, served refreshments consisting of lemonade, cookies and minis.

The 3-B and 4-A Grades taught by Miss Covington and Mrs. Holland have secured basket balls for their rooms.

Mrs. Morris has been working hard with the music group that is to represent the high school in Lenoir in a few days. The district contest for this district will be held in Lenoir and the high school is planning to have the following entrants: The Girls' Glee Club, Boys' Glee Club, boys' quartet, girls' quartet, mixed quartet, mixed chorus, baritone solo, and a violin solo. Perhaps there will be other entries. Miss Julia Burton, teacher of piano, is planning on entering at least one student, and possibly more, in the piano contest.

Beginning after the holiday vacation, the students of the Commercial Department of the high school, under the direction of Mr. Klontz, will undertake to make an industrial survey of our city and county. There are several reasons for this survey, two of which are: (1) To determine what commercial courses would best fit our young folks for work in the offices of the businesses and industries of the community; (2) to determine the number and kind of office positions available to our graduates.

The 7th Grade football team won a series of three match games played with a team from the 6-B and 6-A Grades. They were victors in two of the three games. Mrs. Finley is the teacher of the 7th Grade.

The Part-Time Business School which meets daily from 3:30 to 5:00 in the Commercial Department of the high school is making fine progress. Beginning classes in shorthand, typewriting and bookkeeping will be organized to begin work Monday, Jan. 6th. Anyone contemplating enrolling this year should be on hand to begin work on that date. This will be the last chance to enter the Part-Time School this year. Tuition is free. The only expense will be for books needed.

Made entirely in color, with singing and dancing, romance and comedy, lavish and beautiful settings, "ON WITH THE SHOW" is one of the most entertaining of pictures. See it at Marion Theatre next Monday and Tuesday.

THE WEATHER

The balmy breezes of Indian summer seem to have returned to Marion for the past few days. The average temperature and precipitation for the week December 2nd to 8th is as follows:

Max.	Min.	Prec.
52.7	11.4	.30
One year ago:		
52.1	28.5	4.76

YOUNG MEN ORGANIZE ALL STAR BASKETBALL TEAM

A number of young men from Marion and Old Fort have organized an all-star basketball team. Quite a few of these men were former college stars and a good quintet should result from this material.

Much interest is being shown and a heavy schedule is being arranged. Harry Anderson has been elected manager and the success of the team largely depends on him. Basketball fans will have the opportunity to see some fast action on the hardwood floor this season.

Harry Anderson is a former Mars Hill star, and Joby Hawn and Baxter Moose have caused many a wild yell in the Lenoir-Rhyne College gymnasium. The offensive strength of the all-star team will largely be built around these three men.

The men who have reported for practice and their respective positions are as follows: Forwards: Robert McCall, Al Stepp and Ralph Harris; Centers, Harry Anderson, Baxter Moose and Otis Greene; Guards, Joby Hawn, John Stepp and Carlton Gilkey.

The Marion All-stars in their new dazzling uniforms of black and white, donated by the merchants of Marion, won their first game Wednesday night by defeating five-scraping youngsters from the Glenwood high school by a score of 43 to 19.

GLENWOOD PLAYS MARION IN A THREE GAME SERIES

The Glenwood high school quintet has won the right to play Marion in a three game series that is to be played some time after Christmas. The boys have proven themselves to be a well balanced fast working team in which it would be difficult to pick out any one member as starting.

The ones showing up best are Norman Haney and Monroe Marlowe as guards and Truman Westmoreland as forward. Haney has a perfect record in his defensive playing. Every forward that he guarded in the county championship series failed to tally.

The last two games were forfeited by Old Fort and Nebo. A high class of sportsmanship has been displayed by all teams competing with Glenwood, but the boys were fortunate in being able to double the score on their opponents in every game; and are now looking forward to the three game series after Christmas.

LICENSE BUREAU STATIONS

Through the Carolina Motor Club headquarters at Greensboro license bureaus have been established in various points throughout the state for the distribution of the new license plates which go on sale December 16th. For the benefit of our readers in this and adjoining counties, some of the nearby license bureaus are listed as follows:

Asheville, Hickory, Rutherfordton, Shelby, and Statesville.

License plates may be obtained from any of the above places after December 16th.

Don't forget that FRIDAY night is "Family Night" at Marion Theatre, with reduced prices. See and hear RICHARD BARTHELMESS in "DRAG", his best picture since "Weary River". Vitaphone recording

CATAWBA VALLEY NEWS

Old Fort, Rt. 1, Dec. 9. — Mrs. Sallie Hamby and children of Black Mountain spent yesterday with the former's parents here.

Mrs. T. A. Porter and Misses Samuel and Nell Porter made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

Mrs. S. C. Kelley is having her residence repaired.

Mrs. C. A. Setzer and Mrs. A. C. Walker of Greenlee spent last Thursday with relatives here.

Misses Mary and Hattie Bradley made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

T. A. Porter gave a corn shucking last Friday.

Mrs. Annie Young is seriously ill. Porter Souther gave a corn shucking last Wednesday.

COFFEE-BANKS

Announcements reading as follows have been issued:

Mrs. W. H. McMahan announces the marriage of her niece, Miss Joe Coffie, to Mr. J. E. Banks, on Wednesday, November twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine. At home Micaville, N. C.

W. F. Bowman of Flat Rock in Henderson county reports that his flock of 114 White Wyandottes paid him a net profit of \$2.51 a bird during the past year.

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RALPH COFFEY NAMED PRESIDENT OF CLASS

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 3.—Ralph Coffey, who is a resident of Pensacola, N. C., and a junior student in the Atlanta-Southern Dental College, has been honored by his classmates with the office of president of his class. Mr. Coffey is one of the most popular students in the school.

"ON WITH THE SHOW", with a cast headed by BETTY COMPSON, is a gorgeous, spectacular, and lavishly produced ALL-COLOR picture that you will enjoy seeing. At Marion Theatre next Monday and Tues.

HIGH LIGHTS OF "ON WITH THE SHOW"

- Love Scenes
- Southern Plantation
- Cotton Fields
- Fox hunting scene
- Dream Palace
- Show Boat
- Negro Harmony Singers
- Dance Ensembles
- Back Stage Scenes
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