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The work at the Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School of beautifying the campus and erecting the handsome new Administration building is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible. The work on the foundation of the building has been completed and the walls are in course of erection the work being done as rapidly as the brick can be manufactured. The contractors, Messrs. Wilson and Wamack are manufacturing their own brick here having installed a new up-to-date machine for that purpose.

With the increased facilities and from the applications and inquiries that have been received there can be no doubt that the enrollment and work done will greatly exceed the phenomenal success of the past session.

NEW COLLEGE OFFICIALS.

Rev. W. L. Sherrill, pastor of the Methodist church, at Pineville, has been elected secretary-treasurer of Davenport College in Western North Carolina. The selection was made by the executive committee of the board of trustees which met in Salisbury. He will enter upon his duties at once. Rev. Mr. Sherrill has for many years been the secretary of the Western North Carolina conference, was formerly associate editor of the Christian Advocate at Greensboro, and is well known.



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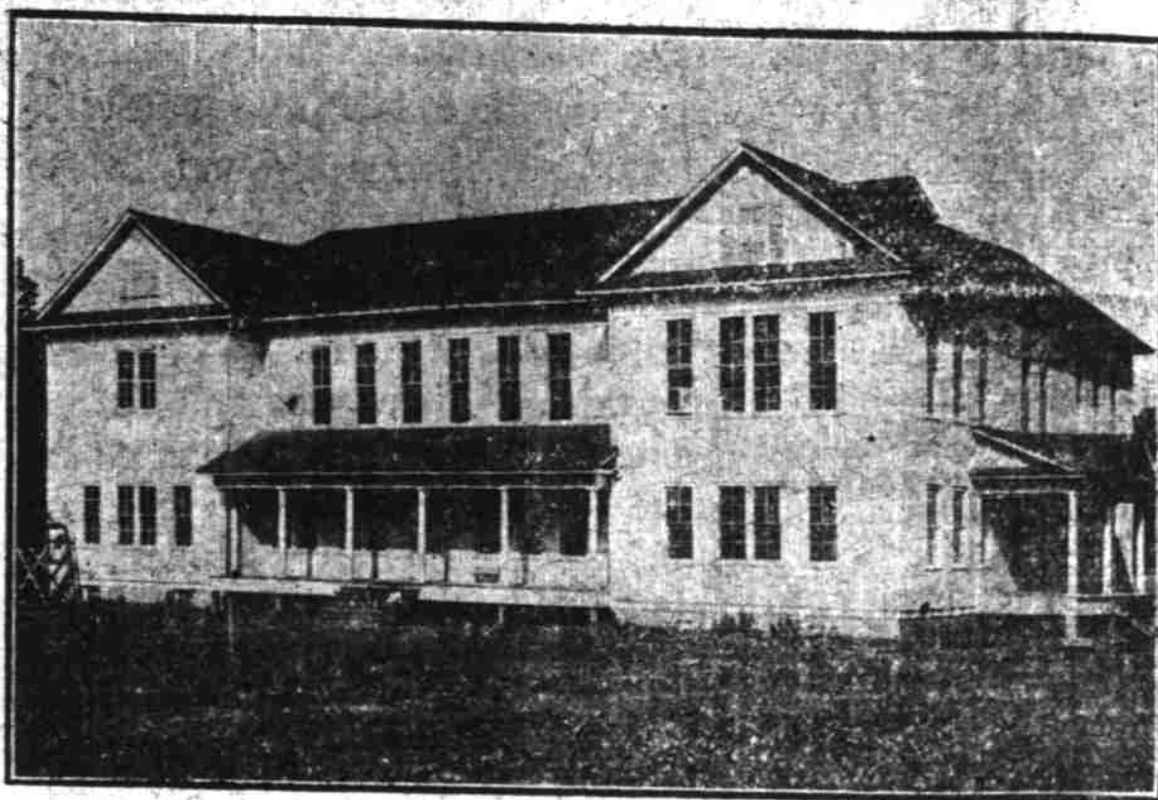
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While Mr. Alley has moved to Waynesville, he will continue to take active part in the practice of law at Webster.



SYLVA HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING



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CUMBERLAND COUNTY FOR EXTRA SESSION

(Special to The News and Observer)

Fayetteville, June 16.—The Cumberland branch of the North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association was organized here this afternoon by Hubert Ramsaur, organizer, with M. F. Shuford, president; Leighton Huske, vice-president; D. W. Sanderlin, secretary and treasurer. The branch, having one representative, will raise one hundred dollars. A publicity committee was appointed. The president will later name nine directors.

A resolution requesting Governor Craig to call a special session of the Legislature was adopted at Greensboro, June 3. Adjournment was taken until Wednesday, June 25, when a mass meeting of town and country people will be held in the courthouse at 11 o'clock.

FAMILY REUNION.

The annual family reunion of the Wilson family was celebrated, on the 66th anniversary of the birth of the mother and grandmother, Mrs. Hicks Wilson, at the home of her son Ernest L. Wilson, Wednesday June 18th. Nearly all the children and grandchildren were present among whom are Mesdames D. D. Hooper, and J. W. Keener and Messrs Thomas O. Wilson, Ernest Wilson and John H. Wilson, all of Sylva. The Wilson family formerly resided at Webster where the children were raised but moved to Sylva some few years ago and all live here with the exception of Mrs. Zachary, whose home is in Washington.

It is now well known that not more than one case of rheumatism in ten requires any internal treatment whatever. All that is needed is a frequent application of Chamberlain's Liniment and massaging the parts at each application. Try it and see how quickly it will relieve the pain and soreness. Sold by all dealers.

THE CULTIVATION OF CORN

Successful corn culture depends as much upon the "know how" as does success in any other business. Of course, a deep, humus-filled soil is the first consideration, but much depends upon the cultivation given the corn after it is up. The farmer who understands and practices the best principles of corn growing, who knows the root-system, the movements of soil moisture and the uses of soil mulches, will make a good corn crop in spite of adverse seasons of rainfall and drought. The one who does not understand these things attributes his failures to the wet weather, the dry weather, the hot weather, the cold weather, or something else the effects of which he should be able to obviate. In the Farm Demonstration Work last season some big crops of corn were made where no rain fell from the time the corn was planted till it was mature. Yet the yield of corn in this country are more dependent upon rainfall during the growing season than upon any one thing else. This should not be.

But let us see that we understand what proper cultivation does. Every good farmer knows that cultivation is to save the moisture; to destroy germinating weed seeds, to liberate plant food and to warm and aerate the soil. If the first two are accomplished the others are too. The successful farmer never allows his soil to become crusted over because he knows that it is then losing moisture. To prevent this crusting also destroy weed and grass seed that may be coming up in the soil. So we see that all that is necessary is to cultivate often enough to keep the soil loose on top. One of the Experiment Stations has found that during very dry hot weather a single corn stalk will take from the soil and evaporate as much as ten pints of water in one day. It requires about 300 pounds of water to produce one pound of dry matter. So we learn that corn is a crop that requires immense amounts of moisture. Yet, throughout this section, we have sufficient rainfall every year to produce two or three corn crops on our land. The wise farmer is he who has learned how to catch the rainfall and keep it in the soil until it is needed.

As to depth of cultivation, we must remember that corn belongs to the grass family and therefore has a fine fibrous, extensive root system. By the time corn is a foot high the roots may be lapping between the rows. The roots grow outward through the soil from two to four times as fast as the stalks grow upward. To destroy these roots in cultivating is to cut off the feeding powers of the corn. It very often happens that the soil needs a rather deep stirring while the corn is small and before the roots get out far. If this is the case, it should be given, but care must be taken not to cultivate deeply later. The Indiana Experiment Station has shown that corn cultivated about two inches deep yielded 42.36 bushels; that cultivated three inches deep yielded 42.56 bushels; while that cultivated four inches deep yielded only 37.92 bushels. Another station found that shallow cultivation yielded 81.8 bushels per acre, but deep cultivation gave only 74.1 bushels.

As to the number of times to cultivate corn, this will depend upon conditions. The thing to keep in mind is to keep a mulch on the surface until the corn has fully tasseled. In many cases it will pay to cultivate until some of the "silks" begin to turn brown. It is a critical time with corn when it is maturing the grain. It should not be neglected then.

C. R. Hudson,

Raleigh, N. C.

ANCE ROGERS.

Ance Rogers, a well known young man died Friday afternoon at Hazelwood on train No. 20, as he was being carried to Asheville to the hospital for an operation. He had been ill only a few days but it was found that an operation would be necessary but death came before he reached the hospital.

He was a young man and was married only about two months ago to Miss Nora Cope, a daughter of A. C. Cope of Sylva. His remains were laid to rest Saturday afternoon at the Old Field graveyard, Beta, Rev. J. J. Gray conducting the obsequies.

GRASS.

That was an important story in yesterday's Gazette-News which told of the benefaction of Charles Shope, who caused some five tons of hay to grow where no grass to speak of grew before Mr. Shope took the land in hand. For seven years careful methods of soil conservation were applied to a piece of land that had become impoverished. Subsoiled, limed, green-manured, this little patch of land is now capable of yielding a gross revenue of about \$150 per acre per year.

It is a magnificent yield of hay, a triumph of intelligent agriculture. An achievement like this should be published far and near, and the result and the method become the common knowledge of all farmers. Because farmers everywhere are working on and toward the theory that such results will follow intelligent study of their problems and the application of certain fundamental methods. These little demonstration lots scattered throughout Buncombe county and the other counties are making for prosperity faster than any amount of legislation by congress, with all its billions of expenditure, can do. This work is serving to dam up the flow of money for farm crops that has been draining this section through decade to decade. Western North Carolina, it is a common saying, ought never to buy a bale of hay produced elsewhere, because, practically every bit of our arable land is naturally grass land and the climate is nowhere more favorable; and it is only a question of time when the importation of hay will be stopped.

When the Gazette-News was devoting attention day after day and month after month to the demonstration work, an Asheville gentleman used to say that we ought to give more time to grass. Well, maize is a grass, as a matter of fact; and even if the acre contests had been in potatoes or cabbages, the essentials of business farming, the principle of intensive cultivation—fewer acres, bigger crops—would have been just as effectively presented. We believe that not only hay but every field crop has felt the reflex of the boys' and men's corn contest in this section. The leaven is working faster and faster, toward that time when the solitary and waste places shall be glad.—Gazette-News.

Rev. Tipton, a returned missionary from China, will preach at Beta, Sunday, June 22nd, at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Tipton, who was Miss Mary Bryson of Bryson City, will address the ladies in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. Dinner will be on the grounds.