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NORTH WILKESBORO

SEPTEMBER 28, 29, 30.

THE CHRONICLE.

## LOCAL MATTERS.

—Mr. C. M. Sheets is spending a few days at his old home in Davie county.

—Miss Ruth Lillard, of Charlotte, is visiting Miss Louise Finley in North Wilkesboro.

—Mr. James Poindexter and son Turner, visited at Dr. Turner's last week.

—Mrs. N. B. Smithey visited her old home at Conover, Catawba Co. last week.

—Mrs. M. A. Call is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Cooper at McGuire Ash Co.

—Miss Maggie Hughey, of Elkin, visited Dr. J. M. Turner's last Saturday and Sunday.

—The state papers note the death of Mrs. Marshal Milikan at her home in Greensboro last Friday.

—Rev. W. L. Sherell of the Christian Advocate of Greensboro was a pleasant caller at this office Monday.

—Mr. R. N. Garner who has held a position with the Southern Railway is visiting at his home on Hunting Creek.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McEwen of Texas are visiting home folks here. Mr. McEwen travels for the R. J. Reynolds tobacco company.

—Misses Elizabeth and Carrie Powell have accepted positions for the summer at Barium Springs.

—W. W. Barber, Esq. was elected as one of the Vice-presidents of the State Bar Association at Asheville last week.

—Mr. Raymond Chatham and Miss Susie Gwyn, both of Elkin, were married last week. Dr. D. M. Litaker officiated at the marriage.

—Mrs. R. N. Hackett, Mrs. Coogan and Miss Dessie Morrison left yesterday for the Lithia Springs to spend some time.

—The ladies of the Eastern Star are going to give an ice cream and sonker supper and cake walk on next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock on Mrs. J. P. Ray's lawn at Moravian Falls. All are invited.

—Mrs. Beeson and daughter of Alabama, is visiting her son at Moravian falls. Mrs. Beeson says that the crops in Alabama have suffered greatly on account of so much rain much of the cotton crop will be a total failure.

—Dr. W. P. Horton sent to the State medical society a very interesting paper on typhoid fever, and also advocating cremation along with disinfections in certain cases.

—Judge Justice has dismissed the injunction proceedings of Jones et al vs the Commissioners of the town of N. Wilkesboro. The town is now at liberty to proceed and perfect its purchase of the Reddies River water.

—The revival at the Methodist church here begins next Sunday, with Rev. Barnhardt of Mt. Airy to do the preaching. Prof. Holt of Greensboro will have charge of the singing.

—A large number of young friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Absher assembled on their beautiful lawn beneath the oaks and enjoyed a delightful party Thursday evening.

—Mrs. Judge Long of Statesville visited her daughter Mrs. R. N. Hackett, here last week.

—C. G. Gilreath went to Greensboro last Friday on professional business.

—Mr. G. C. Holcombe, of Mt. Airy, is relieving Mr. Sheets at the bank this week.

—Mrs. Mollie Jones and daughter Miss Willie of Greensboro, are visiting friends and relatives here.

—Mrs. P. L. Gwaltney who has been with her daughter at the Wilkes Hospital for some days returned home Monday.

—The Wilkesboros are soon to have good traveling accommodations between the two towns with an automobile operated by Mr. Tom Hubbard.

—Mrs. R. A. Deal returned from Asheville last Wednesday. Mr. Deal will spend a few weeks with his brother and take special treatment for his health.

—A large crowd was here Monday the boards of county commissioners, education and pensions were in session most of the day and quite a lot business transacted. We have no room for full accounts this week.

—Miss Mary Pennel of Poors knob, who has been in school in Lawrence Kansas returned to her home last week, having graduated from that institution she will return to teach in the same school this fall. Her sister Miss Kate Pennell will also go with her and teach in the school.

—No danger of race suicide in Wilkesboro, we have in four families here 42 children, and on one short street leading south by this office 22 of the young Americas, and this is only a small beginning. Watch Wilkesboro grow.

—The Torrey meeting at Winston is being largely attended, not only by the people of Winston but from all parts of the State. Dr. Torrey has the reputation of being the greatest living evangelist. Great good is being accomplished in the Winston meeting.

—Mr. E. Wallace made a business trip last week through the northeastern part of the county including both prongs of Roaring River and down Mulberry. Mr. Wallace had not been over this section in twenty-five years. He says that the changes and improvements along the route was almost phenomenal. Good farms nice new dwellings, neat painted churches and school buildings were noted in every section. Showing the thrift, energy and enterprise of the good people of this section of Wilkes. Two good lodges with neat buildings at Traphill and Pleasant Hill were features of special notice. Among other places Mr. Wallace stopped with Messrs. B. Handy, Freel Alexander, Emmet Faw and Hugh Blevins. These gentlemen have good farms and first class homes and are some of our best citizens. Mr. Alexander is rich as a Vanderbilt, in that he has not only a fine home but every other facility to make a modle home and get the best things of life. His little daughter has been in school with Miss Mamie Barber, this with her excellent home training make her one of the coveted prizes to be sought for.

Education in Wilkes County.

Mr. Editor:—Feeling that the people of the county will be interested to learn of the progress of education during the scholastic year now closing, and having just completed my annual report I will ask you to kindly favor us with space sufficient to mention the more important items of the educational work of the year.

I find that we established 80 rural libraries during the year bringing our number up to 141. I am happy to say that we are still leading the entire State in this particular, Wayne county coming next with 68. We are leading also in the matter of supplementary libraries, having established 81 of these during the year which brings our number up to 68. There are now but eight schools in the county without libraries, and I feel sure that they will establish them during the coming year. We have established 4 local tax schools during the year bringing up our number to 36. Only two counties in the state have a larger number, Guilford and Sampson.

The enrollment this year reached 76 per cent of the census, the highest ever made in this county. The average attendance possibly though more than any one thing, shows the tremendous strides which our county is making along educational lines, having this year reached 46 per cent of the school census, the highest in the history of the work here. This gain is really wonderful when we remember that in the year 1900 it was but 23 per cent, having just doubled in nine years. The banner township this year in the county is Lewis Fork having won this distinction on an average attendance of 63 per cent, while last year it was won on the attendance of 59 per cent.

The banner township in the matter of enrollment is Edwards which from a school population of 1091 enrolled 1014. We claim for this the banner township of the State.

The banner which is offered each year to the district making the highest per cent of attendance was won this year by three schools. In deciding this contest peculiar conditions arose. It was found that to count the original census Mt. Pleasant had won, and that to count the revised census, Bugaboo had won, and that to count the enrollment, Pleasant Home had won, and that it had never been officially announced which one of these factors should be used in the decision and as some claimed that one should be counted, some another, and still others that the other should be considered; it was decided to award a banner to all three and use the original census in deciding all future contests. The banner was won last year on an attendance of 85 per cent., while this year counting the same factor it required 91 per cent to win.

The banner offered to the colored race was won by the school in district No. 1, colored, of North Wilkesboro township.

One very noticeable feature this year is the remarkable increase in the number studying the different branches, I find that while the school census has increased since 1900 only 7 per cent, the number studying Arithmetic has increased 98 per cent; the number studying language and grammar 203; the number studying N. C. history 54 per cent; the number studying physiology 111, the number studying U. S. history 336; the number studying civil government 480; the number study-

ing algebra 950; the number studying latin 888. The value of school property during this time has increased 459 per cent, and illiteracy has decreased from 13 per cent. of the school population to 6 per cent., the number of teachers employed has increased from 130 to 186, the number of of schools taught from 115 to 141, the number of schools with assistant teachers from 3 to 29, the number of schools teaching high school subjects from 4 to 26, the number of districts with painted houses from 1 to 23, the number of frame houses from 64 to 134, houses with bells from 8 to 48, houses furnished with desks from 14 to 118, the average monthly salary of teachers from \$20 to \$30, the number of districts with log houses has decreased from 30 to 7, and the number of districts with no house from 33 to 4.

The facts show here are very gratifying indeed as they show conclusively that our people are taking more and more interest in the education of their children, and that they are determined that they shall have better chance in the coming years than was allotted to any of them.

May our people not be content with the achievements of the past but let them serve to urge us on to attempt greater things in the days to come, and may we all resolve that the scholastic year upon which we are just entering shall show even greater results than the one now closing.

In conclusion, I desire to express my grateful appreciation of the assistance and cordial co-operation of the board of education, the clergy, the bar, the press, the teachers, the school committeemen and the friends of education who have given to me and to the great cause of education their loyal support. I want to repeat that we must not rest content until proper educational advantages are provided for all—a comfortable building properly equipped, a library, and above all, a teacher trained to the work whose soul is on fire for humanity, and whose personality can touch and inspire and direct the boys and girls of the State, teachers who can open the eyes of the children to the opportunities lying about them, teachers whose lives are in every way an inspiration to their pupils and which will point to higher, nobler and better things.

With gratefulness to God for His blessings on the educational work of the past years, and relying upon Him for divine guidance we enter upon the work of another scholastic year, earnestly desiring and fully expecting the hearty co-operation of all our people in the effort for the educational elevation of the citizenship of the future.

C. C. WRIGHT,  
Superintendent,  
Hunting Creek, June 30.

Notice  
To the overseers of the public roads of Wilkesboro township. You are hereby notified to work out your roads and put them in good order at once as there is considerable complaint.

C. F. MORRISON,  
Ch'm of Board of Supervisors.

We are sending out state ments of amounts due (The Chronicle) and hope our friends will come to our help as far as possible Mr. Deal is in Asheville taking special treatment under a specialist and the expense is very heavy any amounts sent us at this time will indeed be very much appreciated.

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