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GRADED SCHOOL OPENING.

Large Attendance at Both Schools—Mrs. J. D. Lents Elected Teacher. Total Enrollment, 1164.

Today was an eventful day in the lives of 1,164 care free and happy children, of the city, as it marked the beginning of the regular school session of the city graded schools. Superintendent Webb and his corps of teachers had everything in readiness for the opening and the work of assigning the children to the various grades moved with such speed and dispatch that there was not a hitch to delay the assembling together of the entire school for the regular opening exercises when the gong sounded for the grades to march out.

The large auditorium and gallery were filled with school children and on the stage sat a score or more of the alumni of the institution. The exercises were conducted by Superintendent Webb. After the devotional exercise Prof. Webb made a short talk to the school. In the course of his well chosen remarks Mr. Webb told the audience that the city of Concord was spending \$15,000 a year to educate them and he urged upon each child to get the benefit of his share of the money. "Everyone of you can do it and I believe you will and that we will have a profitable and pleasant year and I had much rather you would do it pleasantly, and I believe you will, but if you don't we will try some other method, for it has got to be done," said Mr. Webb. Continuing he said: "Some of you may not be where you want to be or where you think you ought to be and if you are not, the minute you show us you ought to be advanced we will gladly do so. We will hold examinations at any time for you. We will even hold a commencement here Christmas to graduate the eleventh grade, if they show us they have completed the course, but we will have to be shown."

The attendance showed an increase of 82 over last year and the school authorities are highly elated over the good showing. Every room is causing the teachers serious concern. Over in Miss Mary Lewis Harris' room there are 115 bright faced and happy little boys and good girls who stepped across the threshold of the storehouse of knowledge this morning for their first time. A number of them were afterwards transferred to the other section of the first grade.

Miss Rose Harris declined to accept the position as teacher at No. 2 graded school to succeed Miss Annie Hoover, who was transferred to Central school, and Mrs. J. D. Lents has been elected to that position.

The following is the list of teachers and the number of pupils in each grade:

Grade	Teacher	Pupils
Central School		
1	Miss Mary Lewis Harris	66
2	Miss Clara Harris	66
3	Miss Grace Patterson	46
4	Miss Annie Hoover	56
5	Miss Rosa Phifer	35
6	Miss Zeta Caldwell	43
7	Miss Ellen Gibson	35
8	Miss Mabel Means	51
9	Miss Frances Hill	41
10	Miss Clara Gillon	31
11	Miss Grace White	34
12	Miss Miriam Danville	37
13	Miss Constance Cline	39
14	Miss Nita Greenitt	42
15	Miss Lelia White	42
16	Mr. Ball	42
17	Mr. McLeod	20
Total		729
Last year, first day		712
Grade		
1	Miss Addie White	63
2	Miss Nan Archibald	47
3	Miss Zula Patterson	40
4	Miss Pearl Barrier	52
5	Miss Anna Sherrill	56
6	Miss Belle Means	61
7	Miss Kate Query	46
8	Mr. Long	43
9	Mr. Long	27
Total		485
Last year		380
Both schools today		1164
Both schools first day last year		1072
Increase		92

Fire Near Harrisburg.

An eight room dwelling house on the farm of Mr. Z. A. Morris, one mile from Harrisburg, was destroyed by fire last night about 3 o'clock. The house was known as the old P. M. Morris homestead and has been a familiar landmark to the people of this county for a number of years. It was occupied by Mr. T. F. Butler, who farms on Mr. Morris' place. The origin of the fire is not known and the report from Harrisburg states that it started in a side room. On account of the fact that the house was a wooden structure throughout, the blaze gained rapid headway and the efforts of the neighbors and farm hands were unable to check it. Mr. Butler lost practically all his household furniture and personal effects.

Chicago is to have a "cool hospital." The patients of course, will come from outside.

BEATTIE HAS HOPE; SUICIDAL HUMORS.

Guard About Condemned Man's Cell is Doubled.—Verdict Kills One Woman.

Chesterfield Courthouse, Va., Sept. 9.—With a cynical indifferent smile on his lips Henry Cray Beattie, Jr., today sat in "the valley of the shadow" to await the day when he must pay the penalty for the murder of his young wife.

Beattie expressed the same calm confidence that he held throughout the trial.

"I have not yet lost hope," he declared. "If that jury had given their verdict solely on the evidence relating to my wife's murder, and had followed the instructions of the court closely, I would have been acquitted beyond doubt.

"But they were impressed by the story of my relations with Beulah Binford and they convicted me solely on that point. I had admitted my relations with the girl, and without regard to the testimony as to the murder they had convicted me. But I hope that the Court of Appeals will look at the matter in a different light."

It was determined today that Beattie will be allowed to stay in Chesterfield jail for at least another 24 hours. Rumors of a possible attempt at suicide resulted in the placing of a double guard about the jail with a special sentinel at the door of the accused man's cell. But the calm, cynical attitude of the prisoner belied all thought of suicide.

Within a day or two Beattie will be placed in a death cell in murderers' row at the state penitentiary. There he will settle down for the 76 days of waiting for death.

Not in recent criminal history has a murderer sat down to await death so calmly. Not a quiver of emotion or fear today distorted the sharp featured face of the young man of 26 whose bright future has been darkened by the shadow of the crime, and will soon be shrouded in the pall of death.

But an aged father, broken and sorrowful, his whole life shattered by his son's plight, is the figure of sadness in the case. Today, with his other son and his 17-year-old daughter, he lay in his sorrow-stricken home in a state of almost total collapse. For three weeks he has sat beside his son while he made his fight for life, counseling, encouraging and comforting him.

There were many rumors abroad today that Beattie would never die in the electric chair; that he would find some means of committing suicide when all hope of gaining his freedom was gone.

Billy Sampson, his chum, and one of the important witnesses at the trial, was quoted as saying: "Henry Beattie will not die in the chair. It will be some other way."

Beulah Binford—his relations with whom shocked the jurymen—was a frequent name on Beattie's lips today, but she probably never before received as deep condemnation.

Time and again he complained that the jury had tried him for his relations with the girl of the underworld, rather than upon the circumstantial testimony pertinent to the tragedy.

In the mind of father and son still flickers one hope—the granting by the Court of Appeals of a new trial through a writ of error. But the prevailing opinion in Virginia's bar is that it is a vain hope. In contrast to the peaceful scene in the jail was a little home in Richmond, seventeen miles away, where Paul Beattie, cousin of the convicted man, sat with his wife and babe, glad in his freedom from the weary days of detention as the commonwealth's principal witness, yet sympathetic for the man for whom he bought the fatal gun, all ignorant of the evil purpose that it was to fill four days later.

Woman Reads Verdict and Drops Dead.

Atlanta, Sept. 9.—When Mrs. Sarah Templebrook unfolded a newspaper here today and saw by the headlines that Henry Cray Beattie, Jr., had been found guilty, she dropped dead. Physicians said she had heart trouble.

A Prediction Which Was Verified.

Charlotte Observer.

"What do you think they will do with Beattie?"

An Observer man put the question to a secret service agent several days ago.

"They'll electrocute him."

"But do you think the State by its evidence has made out its case?"

"I don't give a hang about the evidence," replied the sleuth. "Whenever you get a bunch of farmers like that to singing hymns, chewing tobacco and whittling sticks, it means death to somebody."

And so it proved.

The way to keep boys on the farm is to make farm life more attractive.

If an actress is a star she expects to be praised to the skies.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Mr. J. C. Cook spent yesterday in Charlotte.

Dr. and Mrs. J. V. Davis arrived Saturday from East Bend.

Mr. L. D. Coltrane has gone to China Grove on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fox are visiting relatives in Greenwood, S. C.

Mr. Alfred Brower left this morning for Trinity College, Durham.

Mr. Paul Means left this morning for the University of North Carolina.

Mr. D. M. Lylely, of Cornelius, is visiting his sister, Mrs. G. A. Blume.

Mr. Walter Ritchie has returned from a business trip to Harrisburg, Pa.

Dr. C. A. Misenheimer, of Charlotte, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mr. Charles Stratford, of Charlotte, spent yesterday in the city with his family.

Miss Elizabeth Parker, of Caldwell, Idaho, is the guest of Mrs. T. D. Maness.

Mr. Lois Craven, of York, Pa., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Craven.

Mrs. W. H. Shields, of Charlotte, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Robinson.

Mr. Lester Coltrane left this morning for Raleigh, where he will enter A. and M. College.

Mr. Will Fetzer left today for Fishburne Military School, where he is gymnasium instructor.

Mr. R. K. Black has returned from New York, where he has been buying goods for his store.

Miss Beattie Widenhouse will leave tomorrow for Durham, where she will enter Trinity College.

Messrs. Charlie and Smith Barrier spent yesterday in Crescent with their sister, Mrs. S. W. Beck.

Dr. G. D. Moore, of Mount Pleasant, is spending the day in Charlotte on professional business.

Mr. Hugh Parks has returned from New York, where he has been buying goods for H. L. Parks & Co.

Mr. Ross McConnell, of the Southern Power Company, spent yesterday in the city with his family.

Mr. Joe B. Eford, of Charlotte, spent yesterday in the city, the guest of his brother, Mr. E. L. Eford.

Mr. Ernest Porter, of Greensboro, spent yesterday in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Porter.

Mr. J. B. Alexander, of Mooresville, spent Sunday here with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. M. Alexander.

Misses Laura and Francis Fisher left this morning for Maryville, Tenn., where they will attend school this fall.

Miss Frances Ridenhour has returned from Asheville, where she has been visiting friends for several weeks.

Miss Helen Wilkinson will leave tomorrow for Greensboro, where she will enter Greensboro Female College.

Mr. A. O. Carriker, of No. 10 township, left this morning for Weaverville, where he will enter Weaverville College.

Miss Lettie Shoaf, who has been visiting Miss Laura Ridenhour, will return to her home in Lexington tomorrow.

Mr. Claude Ramsaur attended the banquet of the Merchants and Manufacturers Club in Greensboro Saturday night.

Mrs. W. J. Montgomery will leave this afternoon for Lancaster, S. C., to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Witherspoon.

Miss Anna Edmunds, an experienced milliner of Baltimore, arrived this morning and will have charge of the millinery department at Fishers.

Miss Lelia White, of Henderson, arrived Saturday and began her work as teacher in the graded school today. Miss White boards at Mr. J. L. Hartsell's.

Miss Jennie Swink, of Norfolk, who has been visiting Miss Nell Herring, left this morning for Asheville where she will enter the Normal and Industrial school.

Mr. Zinsky Hinohara, a Japanese student, who recently graduated at Trinity, is visiting Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Houston. He will enter Vanderbilt University this fall.

Miss Dora Smith, of Laurinburg, arrived in Concord Saturday evening, and spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. E. A. Brower. She returned to her home this morning.

BODY FOUND IN A LAKE.

Mysterious Death of Miss Myrtle Hawkins of Hendersonville. Special to Charlotte Observer.

Hendersonville, Sept. 10.—The stillness of a beautiful Sabbath day in the mountains was suddenly transformed into scenes of the wildest excitement here this morning, when it became known that the dead body of Miss Myrtle Hawkins, the pretty 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hawkins, had been found floating in Lake Oseola, about three miles from Hendersonville, on the road to Kanuga. The girl had been absent from her home since Thursday morning and a quiet, though determined, search had failed to locate her or gain even the slightest clue as to her whereabouts. Her mysterious disappearance had not become generally known, however, and when word reached town this morning that her dead body had been found, a mad rush was made for Lake Oseola.

Several little boys throwing rocks into the water were frightened out of their wits when a dark object was seen slowly rising to the surface, and when one of their number summoned up courage enough to investigate, he shrank in astonishment that the object of his gaze was a human body and the face he peered into was that of Myrtle Hawkins, possibly the best known and most popular of the younger girls in Hendersonville.

A post-mortem examination was made and no marks of violence were found, and yet it was evident that death was not due to drowning. There was no evidence available, however, and the coroner's verdict was that she "came to her death in a manner unknown to the jury."

By this time the air was thick with rumors, some saying suicide, others proclaiming foul play and still others voicing the opinion that death was accidental. Citizens gathered in small groups and discussed all theories and all suspicions, but no one is ready to say tonight that he is satisfied as to how Miss Hawkins came to her death.

Mr. Hawkins stated that his daughter left home Thursday morning at 11 o'clock without announcing her destination, and when she did not return at dinner time or that evening, they presumed she had gone to visit a friend and had decided to remain over night. No alarm was felt Friday morning and the search was not begun until Saturday, when investigation had proven that she had not been seen since Thursday, had not visited any girl friend and had not been seen by anybody after she left her home. Miss Hawkins was a remarkably bright girl for her age and her parents had no fears that she was not perfectly safe in the town of Hendersonville.

The family states that there was no known love affair nor other cause for suicide, and this theory must lose some of its weight when all facts and circumstances surrounding the finding of the body are considered. From the condition of the body it is reasonable to assume that it had been in the water for some time, but ample evidence is also there to show that the girl was dead before her body touched the water, and it is also reasonable to assume that if a person placed her in the water after she was dead, this same person had some knowledge of how she came to her death.

On the other hand Miss Hawkins had no enemies, so far as is known, she had no considerable amount of money with her when she left home, not is there any motive for the crime, provided it was foul play. To strengthen the theory that it was not foul play, the coroner and the physician who made the post mortem examination both state emphatically that there were no marks of violence whatever on her body.

FOREST HILL NEWS.

Locke Mills Team Defeated at McAdenville.—Three Boys Enlist in the Navy.—A Delightful Concert—Personals.

Misses Lurline Graham and Nina Cook, of China Grove, and Miss Etta Baker, of Lowell, spent Sunday in the city with Mrs. W. W. Crooks.

Miss Minnie Ryson, of Charlotte, spent Sunday at the home of Miss Mamie Stewart on North Church street.

Miss Beattie Utley spent Sunday in Graham with Miss Annie Kime.

Mr. Lee Mills has been confined to his home for several days with an attack of neuralgia, but is convalescent now, we are glad to add.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. West spent Sunday in Kannapolis with friends.

Mr. J. C. Cook spent a few hours in Charlotte Saturday with friends. Messrs. Marshall Mills and T. P. Moore, of Kannapolis, spent Sunday in the city with relatives.

The Locke ball team returned from McAdenville Saturday night with a tale of woe, acknowledging defeat in a score of 7 to 6. Our boys secured a goodly number of hits, but many of them died before reaching home base. McAdenville secured only two hits from Bell, but received a number of free bases from balls.

Mr. H. T. Utley is recovering his home has added a new room and making other improvements to his home on North Church street.

Mr. J. C. Stowe has gone to Danville, Va., to spend a few weeks with relatives.

Messrs. Trip Goodman, Charles Smith and Crowell Swearingen went over to Charlotte a few days ago and enlisted at the local recruiting office of the United States navy.

A very delightful concert was given at the home of Mr. W. B. Bruton last Wednesday night. An orchestra composed of Messrs. W. P. Hurt, Jason Fisher, Chas. Rogers, D. M. McLemore and Paul Peacock, assisted by Miss Letha Bruton at the piano, rendered very enjoyable music. A few invited friends were present and during the evening a three course luncheon, ices and fruits were served. The guests were loath to part from the hospital home of Mr. Bruton.

Greensboro Telegram Sold.

The Greensboro Telegram Saturday afternoon announced that its subscription list, good will and a part of its plant has been sold to the Greensboro Daily News. The price paid by The News for the paper is said to have been \$3,500.

The Telegram is a little more than 14 years old. For seven years it was conducted as an afternoon paper, but in 1903, soon after its purchase by Mr. R. W. Haywood, it was changed to a morning paper. This spring Mr. Haywood sold the paper to Mr. J. T. Fain, of Anniston, Ala., who soon changed it back to an afternoon paper. Financially the paper has always broken about even, but has never been a money maker. Mr. Fain the editor and owner, has not determined his plans for the future, but will remain in the profession. Most of the staff and employes have obtained other positions.

Capt. J. D. McNeil, mayor of Fayetteville, was in Raleigh Thursday, with samples of "No-Tax" labeled as a strictly temperance beverage and as put up in conformity with the pure food act and "the prohibition law of North Carolina." Mayor McNeil says this drink is being sold in Fayetteville by the former near beer dealers and that certainly it is being sold as a cloak for blind tiger outlawry.

THE NEW HIGH BRIDGE.

Thirty-One Feet Higher Than Old One, Which Was Highest Railroad Bridge in the World.

Danville, Ky., September 11.—The new High Bridge of the Q. & C. route over the Kentucky river was put in service at 10 o'clock a. m. today, according to an announcement made by General Manager Horace Baker. This bridge spans the gorge of the Kentucky river and is thirty-one feet higher than the old bridge it replaces, which was for years the highest railroad bridge in the world. The construction of the new bridge was a remarkable feat of engineering, it having been built on the same foundation as the old without interfering with traffic.

The new bridge like the old was erected on the cantilever principle and is of steel throughout with stone piers. It is 1230 feet long and the track level is 308 feet above low water mark. Something over seven thousand tons of steel and 178,500 field rivets were put in the bridge.

The new bridge is designed to carry double tracks and its great strength will allow the use of much heavier locomotives than have been run over the old bridge. The increased height will also give a much better grade at that point of the line.

To Attend Collegiate Institute.

The following is a partial list of the boys of the city and county who will attend the Collegiate Institute this year. This list does not include those living in Mount Pleasant:

G. W. Barrier, Webster Barrier, Paul Barrier, F. Barrier, Phillip Barrier, Willie Boger, Jno. Boger, Jno. R. Cress, H. M. Fagart, J. G. Harkey, Gilbert Hendrix, Harry E. Isenhour, C. H. Lipe, H. M. Penninger, M. W. Petrea, C. E. Ridenhour, C. O. Ritchie, C. H. Ritchie, Robert Lee, Jay Cress, C. H. Safrin, W. J. Sifford, Ernest Stallings, Horace Teeter, Frank Teeter, Donald Widenhouse, Frank Cress, Ralph Ritchie, Paul Starnes.

If you can't destroy the flies, you can scatter some lime. That will help avoid the doctor.—Wilkesboro Chronicle.

Mr. T. D. Maness is spending the day in Salisbury.

MOTHER'S EYE MAKES THEM ILL.

Stalwart Sons Lie in Bed for Years Under Hypnotic Spell.

Although reputable physicians, humane officers and many others have examined three stalwart sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett of the town of Hope, Hamilton county, New York, and find nothing the matter with them, the three men have been confined to their beds from six to ten years.

They were placed in this peculiar plight by the hypnotic influence of their mother, who has told them they are suffering from heart disease.

George, 32 years old, has been in bed eight years; Ward, 28 years old, has been in bed ten years, and Frank, 27 years old, has not been out of bed for six years.

Not one of these, strong, almost perfect specimens of manhood has, in the opinion of those who examined them, the least thing the matter with them.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bennett insist the men are suffering terribly, and both scoff at the idea that they have been hypnotized. The town of Hope has offered to have the men sent to a hospital for treatment, but the parents will not allow. Hundreds have been interested in the strange case and have visited the home, but no one has been able to fathom it.

The Glidden Tour.

The official Automobile Association of America car has left New York, enroute to Jacksonville, Fla., for the purpose of establishing official hot is and supply stations for the contestants in the coming New York to Jacksonville Glidden Tour, which leaves New York on Saturday, October 14th, and will finish at Jacksonville on Wednesday, October 25th.

This car, with a representative aboard, will pass through Concord about the 13th of September, next Wednesday.

A new metal 40 per cent. lighter than aluminum will make airships safer, but not so safe as walking.

Mr. T. D. Maness is spending the day in Salisbury.



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