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AGRICULTURE CLASS COBB MEMORIAL SCHOOL

The agriculture class of Cobb Memorial School opened its year of work on September 20th, with the enrollment of twenty students. The work of the class in the past years of the school has been a great success. The school has been an important factor in the past years of the State Fairs, winning a number of high places in the judging contest of the State Fair. We were sorry that we did not get a chance to judge this year, which was due to State Fair not being held this year.

The class will study animal husbandry this year. Since the opening of the school the class has been studying swine and poultry, also judging livestock at nearby farms. Last Friday we went to the home of Mr. J. O. King's to judge poultry and to examine some sick turkeys. Being unable to determine the disease, we sent one bird to Mr. B. F. Kaupp of State College, Raleigh, N. C., who found that the turkey had Blackhead, also infected with worms. We have also spent some time in judging and placing fowls on the farm of Mr. Berkly and Martin Daniel, who have a fine flock of White Leghorns. We have spent most of the time here selecting for egg production.

This week we are going to spend some time in studying the bacon and lard type hogs.

We are preparing several rations for feeding poultry and swine, which we expect to run in the paper some time later.

Richard Blackwell,
student.

SUPERINTENDENT ISLEY'S LETTER

To the Editor:—

Will you please publish in your paper the following school facts relative to enrollment the first month in seven schools?

Anderson School—Miss Win-Taylor, enrolled, 39; Miss Edith Griggs, 32; Miss Bertha H. Wilson, 39; Miss Julia Smith, 32; Miss Amanda Reagan, 45; Miss Lillie May Pace, 24, and Mr. Roy W. Barnette, 21. Total enrollment, 232.

Bartlett Yancey—Miss Myrtle Lea, 46; Miss Annie Murray, 31; Miss Nannie Lou Thomasson, 53; Miss Eva Walker, 32; Miss Mabel Alcorn, 34; Miss Fannie Lea, 49; Miss Cora B. Lee, 50; Mrs. Alice Goodson, 48; and Miss Dolores Harrison, Mrs. Giles Mebane, Mr. Norman Upchurch and Mr. S. H. Abell, 84 in the high school. Total, 427.

Cobb Memorial—Miss Ola King, 46; Miss Agnes Bustard, 42; Miss Lilly King, 38; Miss Virginia Ferrell, 25; Mrs. C. H. Stokes, 34; Mrs. Van Daniels, 36; Miss Fay Jones, and Miss Alice Taylor, 42 in the high school, and Mr. F. B. Harton with all the boys doing vocational work. Total enrollment, 263.

Leasburg—Mrs. D. H. Lashley, 63; Miss Mary Winstead, 36; Miss Mildred Connally, 37; and Mr. D. H. Lashley, 24 in high school work. Total enrollment, 160.

Pelham—Miss Carrie Anderson, 51; Miss Mary E. Fowlkes, 41; Mrs. Elizabeth Adkins, 39; Miss Sadie Wharton Alcorn, 31; Mrs. J. C. Gibbs, 19; and Mr. W. J. Liles, 18 in the high school. Total enrollment, 199.

Prospect Hill—Mrs. T. A. Boland, 61; Miss Blanche Pinchback, 53; Miss Beatrice Ramsey, 32; Miss Maude Vaughn, 29; Mrs. E. B. Warren, 37; Miss Leonie Terrell, 28; Mr. Coy E. Mabe, 17; and Mr. J. E. Joiner, 31 in the high school. Total enrollment 288.

Semora—Miss Lois McSherry, 29; Miss Bessie Chandler, 42; Miss Fannie Sue Wilson, 9; and Mr. C. E. Newman, 25, in the high school work. Total enrollment, 105.

The above enrollment is as of October 2nd and each school has added many more pupils by this date. It is hard to state here the

work these teachers have since many of them in most of the named schools above take more work than is assigned. For instance, Mr. Mabe at Prospect Hill is shown with 17 enrolled which is the 7th grade, but he does a part of the work with the 31 high school pupils. This is true with most of the teachers who have a low enrollment. In each school the first grade teachers are named first and each grade follows in order. In the county the larger schools are crowded while the smaller schools are not and this could be shown here.

Usually the larger the enrollment or the larger the school the larger the enrollment per teacher and vice versa usually the smaller the school the fewer pupils per teacher, and too, this is usually true of attendance, that is, the larger the school the better the attendance and the smaller the school the poorer the attendance. This is also true of the longer term schools, that is, a long term school usually has better attendance for the year than a short term school. This is true in Caswell county and over the State.

The above facts furnish convincing evidence in favor of large consolidated schools. The small, inefficient, one-teacher school is fast passing and it is very much as a shop trying to do wood work, steel work, jewelry work, paper work and other work when it is able to do only one. The one-room school-house has not improved its work enough to gain and hold pupils today and cannot. The hope for the little child now in this small school is to be consolidated with a larger school and be given a chance that the times demand. The little school-house was used twenty and thirty years ago and many are still used today without change, but the patrons and people in the same community are using different tools and machinery on the farms, roads, shops and riding in different vehicles and using other modern things except schools. Then cannot we congratulate the patrons and children who are in modern schools?

Most cordially yours,
Robert W. Isley,
County Superintendent Schools.

LEASBURG

Thursday evening, October 28, "Uncle Josh," violinist, from Mebane, gave a concert in the school building. A part of the proceeds was given to the school.

The study class of the Leasburg Missionary Society met Saturday afternoon, October 30th, with Miss Mildred Connally. All were much interested to learn of the progress which Moslem women are making to elevate themselves. They are protesting against polyamy and marriage of children. They are abandoning the use of the veil, and are asking that the girls have equal opportunities with the boys for education.

Rev. E. R. Clegg, Messrs. D. H. Lashley and J. Stephens motored to Chapel Hill Saturday afternoon, October 30, to attend the football game between Carolina and State College.

There was a Halloween party and shower in honor of Mrs. C. E. Murphy, October 30, at the residence of Mrs. J. R. Smith.

Sunday, October 31, the fourth quarterly meeting on the Leasburg circuit was held at Union church. It was also a homecoming day, and a large congregation met for the occasion, notwithstanding the threatening weather. Rev. J. M. Ormond, professor at Duke University, who was pastor that church 16 years ago, after first making some reminiscent remarks, at 11 o'clock preached a most inspiring sermon from the text, "Ye Are the Light of the World."

A bountiful spread was enjoyed at the noon hour, after which the congregation repaired to the church where Rev. M. Bradshaw, the Presiding Elder, conducted the business of the quarterly meeting. He reminded the people of their beautiful harvests this year and urged them to present Leasburg circuit with a clean sheet at Conference.

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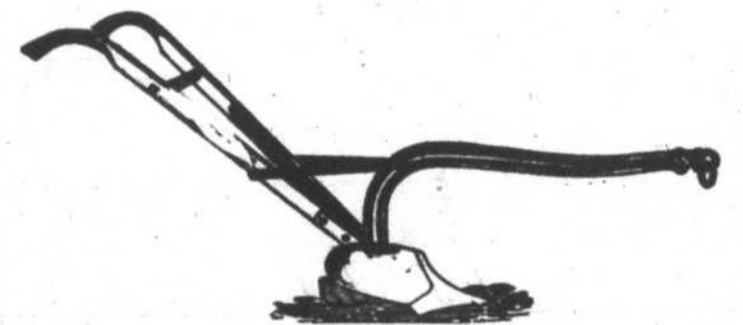
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