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Wipe Out Illiteracy By 1940

FOLLOWING up the pledge of cooperation of the social agencies of this county to wipe out illiteracy by 1940, this paper desires to give impetus in every way possible to a campaign which should be waged on all fronts.

Through schools, churches, WPA activities, civic organizations and private individuals this public enemy No. 1 can be attacked.

Although North Carolina has had a compulsory school law for 34 years, the fact that the average age of the 32,000 persons in the state's adult education classes today is only 35 years (which means that many are much younger) witnesses to the failure of the law to be enforced effectually.

The fact that there have been enrolled six million people in adult classes in North Carolina in the last five years refutes the general impression that adults do not want to learn. Experience of teachers of these classes has been that most adults are wistfully eager to improve the opportunity offered them to overcome their handicap.

This large number promises enrichment of lives and homes and a better prospect of stemming the tide of illiteracy at its source.

School authorities find that retarded pupils usually come from homes where poverty and ignorance go hand in hand.

It is found that since adult education has been carried on in North Carolina public school attendance has been better in most counties. Generally speaking, we know that "an educated parent means an educated child."

We would like to see Macon county added to those 25 counties of the state where the board of education matches dollar for dollar of state aid so that the adult education work now being carried on could be increased.

Those whose lives are enriched through reading and writing can hardly conceive of the world that is shut out from those who, through no fault of their own, do not possess this knowledge.

Surely no more vital program could be undertaken by the united forces of a community than to lift the burden of illiteracy from our neighbors.

Ignorance is a basic cause of poverty and crime, constituting one of the heaviest burdens that a civilized government carries.

Approached from the standpoint of human values, the burden borne by our unfortunate fellow beings who cannot read is a tragedy indeed.

An Old Landmark Gone

THE wrecking of the old Dobson house at the corner of West Main street and Harrison avenue removes a landmark which has been familiar to those who have lived in and visited the town for more than a century.

The house was built in 1826, and at that time there were many men living who had fought with Washington.

While it was still new it heard the wailing of the Cherokees as they were torn from their homes and started for the west along the "Trail of Tears."

It saw the young men, and some of the older ones, volunteer for service in the Mexican war.

It saw many leave the mountains to join with other Argonauts in the rush to California in '49.

It saw the best and bravest of the men of Macon leave in Confederate grey to join Lee in Virginia.

It saw the murder of a Confederate soldier, home on furlough, whose bloodstains were still on the wall of the southwest upper room when the house was torn down.

It was a house that had seen much, but it had become uninhabitable, and it is best that it be replaced by a beautiful new building which will add attractiveness to the street and afford comfort and pleasure to many people.

Forest Service To Put 35,000 Trout In Streams

More than 35,000 brook and rainbow trout will be planted in the cooperative wildlife management areas in the Nantahala national forest this month, it was announced by Supervisor Charles Melichar.

The headwaters of the Nantahala river within the Standing Indian wildlife management area have been allocated a quota of 28,000 four to eight inch brook or speckled trout for this season's restocking program. The Fires Creek area will receive 7,000 six to seven inch rainbow trout.

Planting stock for these areas was reared at the Arrowood Glade pools in the Nantahala and the Davidson River rearing station in the Pisgah national forest.

The trout will be planted by CCC enrollees trained in the technique of handling fish to assure their reaching the streams in the best possible condition. State game officials as well as members of the Nantahala national forest staff will supervise the distribution of these fish.

Buck Creek

By RUTH WOOD

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morgan and daughter, Estelle, were visiting relatives and friends at Cullowhee Sunday.

Mrs. Jenny Shook spent Saturday with Mrs. Lecia Huston at Gneiss and attended the meeting which is being held at that place.

Rev. W. G. Wood filled his appointment at Shortoff Baptist church last Sunday morning.

Several people from this community attended the baptizing at Pine Grove Sunday, reporting a good service.

Mr. and Mrs. James Woodall and children, and Mrs. Annie Gregory attended the Shelton reunion at Cullowhee Sunday.

Mrs. Elvira Wood and daughter, Ruth, have been attending the meeting at Gneiss and visiting their many friends while in that community.

Edgar Miller was the guest of Neal Rogers the first of the week.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their many deeds of kindness and words of sympathy shown us in the recent death of our husband and brother, Jim Cansler. Also for the beautiful floral offerings.

MRS. BERTIE CANSLER,
BROTHERS AND SISTERS
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Church Services

St. Agnes Episcopal Church
The Rev. Frank Bloxham, Rector
4 p. m.—Evening prayer and sermon.

Franklin Methodist Church
The Rev. J. E. Abernethy, Pastor
(Each Sunday)
10 a. m.—Sunday school.

Baptist Church
Rev. C. F. Rogers, Pastor
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Preaching service.
7 p. m.—B. T. U.
7:30 p. m.—Preaching service.
Wednesday, 8 p. m.—Prayer service

Presbyterian Church
Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Pastor
Franklin—(Each Sunday)
10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship services.
Morrison—(Each Sunday)
2:30 p. m.—Sunday school.
(Each 2nd and 4th Sunday)
3:30 p. m.—Worship services.

Macon Circuit
Rev. J. C. Swain, Pastor
1st Sunday—Union 11 o'clock a. m.;
a. m.; Mulberry, 2 o'clock p. m.;
Hickory Knoll, 2 o'clock p. m.;
Asbury, 3 o'clock p. m.
2nd Sunday—Mt. Zion, 11 o'clock;
Maiden's Chapel, 3 o'clock p. m.
3rd Sunday—Asbury, 11 o'clock
Dryman's Chapel, 3 o'clock p. m.;
Union, 7:30 o'clock p. m.
4th Sunday—Patton's 11 o'clock
a. m.; Maiden's Chapel, 2 o'clock
p. m.; Mt. Zion, 7:30 o'clock p. m.

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FUTURE FARMERS HOLD INITIATION

The Franklin Chapter of Future Farmers held its regular bi-monthly meeting and initiated the Greenhands with the regular formal ceremony. There were 23 boys added to the chapter in this ceremony.

P.-T. A. LAUNCHES PLAN TO SELL ICE CREAM

The P.-T. A. has had an electric storage refrigerator installed in the school building and is selling ice cream to the students in order to help defray the expense of providing lunches. This project will not only help to pay for lunches, but it will add a dessert to the mid-day lunch for those who want it.

DEBATE HELD IN HISTORY CLASS

Mr. Overcash's first period history class held an interesting debate last Thursday. The question was resolved: That "Hitler Shouldn't Be Allowed to Take Sudanland and Other Territories Formerly Owned by the German Empire." The affirmative side won, but the negative side put up a good argument.

ATHLETIC CLUB REORGANIZED

The Athletic club has been reorganized and has been divided into two groups. Mrs. Wells is the leader of the group of smaller girls, and Miss Gilliam, leader of the larger.

The officers of Miss Gilliam's group are as follows: Doris Penland, president; Kate Moffett, secretary; Elizabeth C. Guffey, treasurer; Kathryn Ann Huggins, reporter.

One day the girls play volley ball, and the next day they play soft ball.

NINTH GRADE STUDENTS PAINT HOME ROOM

Mr. Moses' section of the ninth grade decided to paint its room. Each person contributed a certain amount to pay for the paint. Saturday some of the boys of the room and Mr. Moses did the painting. They have given the room only one coat of paint, but it looks like an entirely different room.

MRS. STEWART'S SENIORS REPORT ACTIVITIES

The senior class met in Mrs. Macon's room last week to appoint a ring committee. Dorothy Lee Morrison, Edwin Bradley, and Gus Baldwin were elected by a majority of the class as ring com-

mittee. This committee will choose and order class rings for the seniors.

As a request from the American Legion, four boys were elected as safety officers. The two boys elected from Mrs. Stewart's home room were Eugene Furr and Billie Corbin. The two from Mrs. Macon's home room were Monroe Nelson and Hurshel Henson. The duties of these boys are to help the smaller children cross the street to school in safety.

Every senior in Mrs. Stewart's home room has a new song book to be used in chapel and the home room. Almost every one in the room has also subscribed to the school newspaper.

Macon Theatre

Matinees 3:30 P. M.
Night Show 7:00 and 9:00
SHOWING FROM 1:30 TO
11 P. M. SATURDAYS

PROGRAM FOR WEEK

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21
"CRIME RING"
ALLEN LANE
FRANCIS MERCER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22
"THUNDER IN THE
DESERT"
BOB STEEL
Chapter No. 6 "DICK TRACY"

MON.-TUES, OCTOBER 24-25
Greatest Heart Drama of the Year
SPENCER TRACY
MICKEY ROONEY

IN
"BOYS TOWN"
A MOVEY QUIZ PICTURE
Question: Who lends Father Flanagan money to open his original home for derelict boys? Newspaperman, pawnbroker, women's club, policeman.

WED.-THURS, OCTOBER 26-27
THE MARX BROTHERS IN
"ROOM SERVICE"
WITH

LUCILLE BALL, ANN MILLER,
FRANK ALBERTSON
A MOVEY QUIZ PICTURE
Question: What is Frank Albertson carrying the first time he enters hotel? Brief case and magazine, dog and umbrella, typewriter and valise, girl.
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Ages 1 to 9 years..... 2½c per month
Ages 9 to 29 years..... 5c per month
Ages 30 to 49 years..... 10c per month
Ages 50 to 65 years..... 15c per month

BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED in the amount of \$100 for persons over 10 years of age and in the amount of \$50 for persons under 10 years of age.

Bear in mind that this is a local organization, and is in better position to serve the people of Macon County than some burial group with headquarters in another county.

Bryant Burial Association
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