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## THE WORK OF A REAL SCHOOL

### Good Teachers Are as Essential as Buildings.

### INTEREST THE COMMUNITY.

The Wonderful Work of Pupils and Instructors at the Thorn Hill School. Children Take a Real Interest in Their Studies.

Perched upon a hill which overlooks a number of houses that appear to be playing leapfrog in their endeavor to get into the valley is Thorn Hill school. In these homes there are no rich people, and many of the girls and mothers are forced to go into the toiling works to help swell the Saturday pay roll. Naturally one would not expect a splendid building in such a community nor well kept grounds nor a strong school spirit. But all of these things seem to be in the forming at present.

The exterior of the school is rather shabby. Some planks are missing from the fence, there is no walk, and the doors are scuffed. Inside the desks and furniture are mostly old, but there are decorations, and they are child made throughout. The white



MAKING BASKETS AT RECESS.

curtains that temper the sunlight are plain, but have been neatly stenciled in bright, pleasing colors. The big ugly doorway between the two rooms is fringed with a unique, primitive, which would puzzle the ordinary mortal as to its manufacture. The secret of the large and many colored beads, that are strung on heavy cords, is that they are made from wall paper. The children had got huge boxes of samples of wall paper, cut the paper into strips and rolled them into beads.

A line of nails in the door frame showed a brave display of baskets of all shapes and sizes. There was no effort at any slavish pattern, for each child had made a basket the size and shape he or she wished. That the work has proved fascinating is shown by the fact that half of recess time is usually voluntarily given to this work. As the boys have become adept in the use of willow they have been urged to make small stools at home and bring them to school to be topped with strong and beautiful baskets. The teachers have realized the full value of this work, for they are arranging for the older boys to cut and prepare the basket willows from the plants along the streams in the neighborhood. This will allow the child to take the raw material as it occurs in nature and make it into the finished product with the added value that artistic handwork gives.

Gradually this same activity upon the part of the children and their teachers has caught and held the interest of the community. In a comparatively short time the parents have



THORN HILL SCHOOL.

seen that the children would be helped by more finger work and a better perception of form and color. As there was no money beyond the large contact of the school the teachers and the parents gave a social and box party. The proceeds of the entertainment have been used to engage the services of an art teacher, who comes out from Frankfort twice a week.

A school garden is being planned for the coming spring, but for fear they may be disappointed at the last moment the children have arranged to cultivate small plots at home. These are to be entered in the contest, which is carried on under the auspices of the Franklin County Fair association.

HOW MUCH MORE COULD BE DONE IF THEY HAD A BUILDING WHICH WAS HANDSOME ENOUGH TO GAIN THEIR RESPECT? no one can tell, but they have taken what was at hand and with a fine spirit gone to work to make it as efficient as possible and as close to the activities of the community as possible, and they have succeeded. Under such conditions the building will follow before long. In the meantime the teachers and the parents have the consolation of knowing that, although a school is much better for having a fine, comfortable building, it is a possibility without it.

## S. M. R. HURT

### Announces For County Attorney

In this issue of the COURIER we announce the candidacy of S. M. R. Hurt, of West Liberty, for the democratic nomination for County Attorney of Morgan county. Mr. Hurt was educated at Vanderbilt University, and is a man of more than ordinary attainments in scholarship and learning. A profound thinker and ripe scholar he brings into the practice of his profession the rare gifts of erudition and application. He is conscientious to a fault and the soul of honor and would be faithful to any trust reposed in him. Absolutely devoid of fear and having none of the politician, in the latter-day meaning of the term, he would in the discharge of a public duty "hew to the line, let the chips fall where they may."

The county attorney's office is a very important one, the most important in our belief of the county offices, and the man to discharge the duties of that office in a way to fully protect the rights of the taxpayers must needs be a man of deep thought, a thorough understanding of the law, and above all upright and honorable, and with the lenient courage to do right regardless of factions, cliques and grafters.

We believe that Mr. Hurt has all of these attributes, and should the voters of Morgan county honor him by the nomination we feel that he will reflect credit upon the position.

We ask for him your consideration in the coming primary.

### Democratic Committeemen Elected.

At the meetings of the democratic voters of Morgan county, held in the various precincts Saturday, the following committeemen were elected:

West Liberty, No. 1, H. G. Perry; West Liberty No. 2, W. T. Phillips; Ezel No. 3, Luther Pieratt; Tom's Branch No. 4, B. P. Kash; Chapel No. 5, Rolla Cecil; Salem No. 6, B. B. Gevedon; Caney No. 7, D. G. Lacy; River No. 8, A. J. Hammons; Paint No. 9, R. H. Ison; Elk Fork, No. 10, R. S. Smith; Painter's Branch No. 11, Milford Whitt; North Fork No. 12, J. R. Gullett; Cannel City No. 13, J. D. Whiteaker; Coffee Creek No. 14, Willie Williams; Adele No. 15, A. J. Lindon; Lacy Creek No. 16, Ben Kennard; Flat Woods No. 17, Joe Osborne.

With few exceptions the elections were unanimous, there being races in only one or two precincts.

## C. W. WOMACK



CHAIRMAN MORGAN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

The committee met in West Liberty Monday for the purpose of perfecting an organization and re-elected C. W. Womack Chairman and C. D. Arnett Secretary. The election of a chairman and Secretary was by unanimous consent Mr. Womack and Mr. Arnett's names being the only ones put before the meeting. They had each held their respective offices for several years, rendering satisfactory and efficient party service.

Perfect harmony prevailed at

the meeting and the committee begins the years work under most auspicious circumstances. The democratic party in Morgan county is thoroughly united. There are no divisions nor dissensions in its ranks, and the party has reason to expect splendid service from each member from the Chairman down, and each and every candidate for office, either elective or appointive, will get a square deal at their hands.

## CHAS. D. ARNETT.

### Endorsed By Committees.

The candidacy of Chas. D. Arnett for the nomination for Senator from the 34th district was unanimously endorsed by the democratic committee at its meeting held here Monday. We are informed that the democratic committee of Magoffin county also endorsed Mr. Arnett's candidacy. This is quite a boost for Charley and will have the effect of making any one else who might be thinking of entering the race sit up and take notice. It is our honest opinion that no opposition will develop and that he will be given a clear track in the August primary.

### School Notes.

TWO-HUNDRED-SIXTY-TWO pupils now in school and more coming each week to swell the number. Our aim is THREE-HUNDRED, and we must reach that number. We now have one of the best working schools in this end of the state, and we must continue to impress upon the minds of the young men and women of this mountain section that here is their opportunity. The normal department is so pushed with work that it must begin the day's work ahead of time by reciting one lesson before the remainder of the school has reached the school-house. We have the two departments—County and State Certificate Courses—both as well represented as we expected and yet we have new recruits to both each week. It looks now that our fondest expectations will be more than realized in these two departments. The young men and women—most of them—seem to know why they are here and what they are doing, and as a result they are making each minute tell. There is a certificate at the other end of the school term waiting only those who keep it ever in mind, and work with all their might toward that end. But we note a tendency on the part of some very few to forget the goal in sight, and to incline their attention toward "a sparking companion more than toward their studies. To such we can only say: Cut it out or go home. We can not afford to convert the West Liberty High school into a matrimonial bureau. We POSITIVELY can not allow any young lady to receive the company of young men at her boarding-house, and we have asked all who keep boarders for the school to not allow young men to call on the girls who board with them. If any patron of the school thinks us wrong in this contention please write us that you want your girls to be permitted to receive company while here in school and we explain the fact to the school and afterward not include your daughter in the "no callers" restricted. We expect all the boarding-houses who keep students to adhere to this rule strictly or we will be under the necessity of changing the boarder or sending her home, for we promised the parents faithfully while in the field during the holidays, soliciting students for the school, that we would see that this regulation would be carried out. They sent us their daughters with the understanding that they would not be allowed to receive company at their boarding-houses, and we must be true to

that trust or never ask for the confidence of any one hereafter.

We hope this is an innovation that will cease to live as soon as the young ladies see the reasonableness of our contention. But if it continues to worry us we can only do as we promised the parents and that is SEND THE YOUNG LADIES HOME that persists in "receiving."

The Normal Department has organized a Literary Society, with officers elected from among their own members and we expect much good to result to young people from their work in this direction. Its object is to train its members in speaking to audiences, and to acquaint them more with good literature.

Their first open session will be held in the college chapel Friday night, Jan. 31, and all the friends of the school both in town and in the country are cordially invited to come and enjoy a pleasant evening free of any charge whatever.

Hoping that the readers of the COURIER will be glad to receive this little message from the Normal Department, we wish to be remembered as the friend of the boys and girls of the Mountains. CISCO.

### Liquor and Christmas.

The following from the Big Sandy Monitor is a little late, but it is true enough for any time of the year.

Temperate? Yes, like thunder! Over three hundred gallons of liquor have been put off at the Prestonsburg depot! A pretty record! A blot on the history of Floyd county! Men who have the appearance of Christians have been seen totting their jug away from the express office. Many a mother has had to gaze upon the distorted face of her son thru this Christmas. Her heart has been saddened by this fact in no small degree. She knows that she went down into the very jaws of death to give this son the life that he is so using to destroy hers. It is a shame and a disgrace that we have young men who are worse than hogs. A hog won't get drunk, and some boys will.

We have local option territory and yet one station along the C. & O. railroad has brought 300 gallons of the broth of hell to Floyd county's citizens that they might, in keeping with a desecrated ideal, celebrate the birth of their Savior. Wonder what the mob of about three hundred who met at the depot would have thought if Gabriel should have gotten off the train and sounded the march for the judgement bar? (Some of 'em would have tried to persuade him to wait till Bradley got the jug.) What are we coming to, anyway? Are we all going to the devil, or are some of us just finding out that we have been headed that way all the time? You may ask the cause of this promiscuous and usually common drinking. You need not. It is prophecy being fulfilled: "If we sow the wind, we shall reap the whirlwind." Nothing truer was ever put in print.

Just look back and around you. Many of the teachers who give instruction to your children get drunk as loons and you know it. His teacher before him was a toper; you knew that. Some of the said to be preachers to whom your boy listens on Sunday are men who take their dram to the "funny" stage; you are aware of that. Do you expect anything else from your boy but for him to follow in the footsteps of his leaders?

Every tragedy, whether it be the destruction of a character or a life, can trace its inception back to intemperance in some form, and that of drink is the Moloch to which the world is yearly sacrificing its millions. Parents, it's high time we were arousing ourselves against this evil! We must demand redress

through our Interstate Commerce Law. We have the saloon keepers from among us. The "moonshine still" is a thing of the past. The "bootlegger" can't peddle long till he is kidnapped. The only liquor dealers we have left on our hands now are the saloon keepers of other states and the C. & O. railroad. These are made legal by the Interstate Commerce Law.

We want to repeat what we said last week, that officers and leaders who drink are sowing to the wind and will reap the whirlwind; but did you know your boy would be in the whirlwind? We must get sober officers, teachers and preachers! Can you afford to risk your boy with that instructor who gets drunk when he pleases? If you think he will not influence your boy, you are certainly mistaken. Children do not hear much we say when our actions drown our words. What is the great inspiration in the christian world today? Is it the words of Christ or is it that noble life he lived? Any teacher's life lives longer in the lives of his pupils than do his words.

If we want good children we must live the right kind of lives before them, and give our neighbors the benefit of our influence, and vice versa. We are all a bunch of cowards! We will stand around with long faces on and countenance vice and drunkenness for fear our protest will not suit some devil-missionary, or knocks us out of a penny, or causes us too lose a vote, while our boys are headed straight for hell—some of them with their seven league boots on God pity such timid creatures as we are! May the time hurriedly come when we will have the courage of our convictions, and stand up for the right regardless of consequences.

Sacred to the memory of  
NORMAN EARL CARTER,  
who departed this life November 22, 1912,  
the beloved son of T. H. and Eliza Carter.  
Age 3 years, 4 months, 7 days:

THE CALL.  
BY S. J. TOSHI.

I heard a voice from heaven calling  
"Come unto me sweet child,"  
I listened and I heard again,  
In accents soft and mild,  
It was the Savior's tender call,  
Telling your child to come,  
And then He saw it wise and best,  
To take your little one.

The call was brief, and must be gone  
And live with Christ above,  
Full well we know he is at rest,  
In heaven where all is love.

Yet it is hard to give him up,  
Your own, your precious child;  
And cover up that lovely face,  
That always was so mild.

And hide away from mortal view,  
Those soft and loving eyes;  
That now are closed in death's repose  
Beneath the azure sky.

And never hear sweet Earth's voice?  
Oh never hear it more!  
That when you meditate and think,  
Your hearts are troubled sore.

Those little hands reached out to you,  
So soft in childish glee;  
Lest still to day—they never will  
Again reach out to thee.

And those little feet so soft were heard,  
Pattering to and fro;  
Are heard no more, they, too, are still,  
Oh can it all be so?

The prattling of that little tongue,  
Is hushed in silence now!  
And may you knowforth from this time,  
—Make unto God a vow,  
The Lord he took your little child,  
He did it all for good,  
Perhaps to draw your hearts to Him,  
No other way you would.

I know you miss your little Earl,  
You miss him in the room,  
You miss him at the table,  
Your home is filled with gloom,  
You miss him with his playmates,  
You miss him about the yard,  
You miss his little tenderness,  
I know it is so hard!  
Remember, oh, remember,  
He is in a purer clime;  
The Lord he only gave him  
Unto you for a time.

He is a little treasure;  
Laid up for you, I think,  
Oh, may you of Christ's precious love,  
At once partake and drink,  
You then can one day see him,  
There robed in beautiful white,  
You will meet to part no never,  
In that land so fair and bright.

## DIED.

### Mrs. Barbara Elam.

Mrs. Gorge Elam died at her home near Index the 15th inst. of a complication of diseases. She is survived by her husband and several children and grand children. She was an estimable christian lady and her death will be a severe loss to the community in which she lived.

### William Lewis.

William Lewis "Rebel Bill" died at his home near Elamton Friday the 17th of senile debility. He was about 83 years old and had been very feeble for several months. "Rebel Bill," as he was familiarly known, served throughout the Civil War as a soldier of the "lost cause." He was ex-assessor of Morgan county and was a widely known and respected citizen.

### Mrs. Berthana Caskey.

Mrs. Berthana Caskey, wife of R. L. Caskey, died at her home near Lenox the 19th of blood poisoning. She leaves a husband and several children to mourn her loss. Mrs. Caskey was an industrious hardworking woman, a good neighbor and will be sadly missed by a large circle of relatives and friends.

### Example in Enterprise.

Away down in Carlisle county, in the extreme western part of the State, a hardware firm in the good village of Bardwell, takes space in the local paper to announce that it has issued a catalogue. The public also is informed that the firm is making prices lower than the mail order houses in the big cities and is preparing to supply its customers by parcels post with anything in its line that is available.

This is an example of enterprise that is worthy of emulation by country merchants. The big mail-order houses will not take any great amount of business away from a firm which manifests so much interest in the extension of its trade. One reason why many of the rural stores are suffering from mail-order competition is because their proprietors are too hopelessly behind the times to recognize the advantage of using up-to-date methods in holding onto their old customers and in getting new ones.

The wideawake merchant is the man who helps the community know what he has to sell, who uses newspaper space judiciously and consistently, and who devotes thought to ways and means of building up his business at home, and who is not disturbed by competitors either at home or abroad. This applies to the country dealer as well as to the city merchant, for the man who does not make some intelligent effort to keep his business going forward will inevitably find it going backward.—Courier-Journal.

Woodford Dick, of Lexington, representing the School Methods Publishing Co., of Chicago, is here this week trying to interest Morgan county teachers in his books. Mr. Dick speaks in glowing terms of the work being done by the Normal Department of the West Liberty High School. He says that interest in higher education is being awakened throughout Eastern Kentucky, and that Normal schools are springing up everywhere.

Mr. Dick was here nearly two years ago and made many friends who are glad to welcome him back to our town.

### Examination For County Diplomats.

The examination for County Diplomats for Morgan county will be held in the Superintendent's office Friday and Saturday January 24th and 25th 1913.

T. N. BARKER,  
County Supt.

## Local and Personal.

Go to Keeton's for queensware and glassware.

Born to Wm. McKenzie and wife the 16th a boy.

Go to Keeton's for anything to drink hot or cold.

Albert Fannin, of Ezel was in town the first of the week.

Deputy Sheriff Luther Pieratt, of Ezel, was here Monday.

Ben Blankenship, of Sellars, was here the first of this week.

You can get a hot lemonade at Keeton's. 'Tis good for colds.

A. J. Hammons, of White Oak, was here on business Monday.

D. R. Keeton's stock of groceries is more complete than ever.

Mason Gullett, of Caney, transacted business in town Tuesday.

Joe Gevedon, of Grassy Creek, was here on business Monday.

John Roe, of Henry, was here on business the first of the week.

Harris Howard, of Waite Oak, was in town on business Monday.

Clarence Cecil, of Grassy Creek was in town the first of the week.

George Barber of DeHart, was here on business one day last week.

James Oney, of White Oak, transacted business in the city Monday.

Dock Stamper, of Grassy Creek, transacted business in town Monday.

Clifford Elam, of Flores, was a business caller at the Courier office Monday.

J. D. Lykins, who has been confined to his room for some time, is no better.

The Board of Supervisor's room is the most public place in town this week.

I. B. Reed, of White Oak, was in town Tuesday enroute to Wrigley on business.

C. C. May, of Henry, was in town Monday extending the glad hand to the voters.

Ellis Caskey, of Lenox, was a business caller at our shop while in town Monday.

Dr. A. P. Gullett will be at Wrigley Jan. 27th to 30th inclusive to do dental work.

Go to Dr. R. Keeton's for hot chocolate and hot tomato Bouillon, 5c per cup.

Harvey and Paris Vance, of White Oak, were in town on business Saturday.

Ray Cottle and Aura Maxey, of near town, were pleasant caller at our office Monday.

Jno. M. Lykins, of Grassy Creek, paid his respects to the Courier crew while in town Monday.

B. D. Gevedon and E. M. Perkins, of Panama, were welcome visitors at our office Monday.

Judge I. C. Ferguson and attorney W.M. Gardner made a business trip to Black Water yesterday.

Deputy Sheriff E. D. Hamilton of Silver Hill, was in town on official business the first of the week.

Aunt Paulina Kendall's condition remains serious. She is reported as gradually growing worse.

Manford Elam of Maytown called in to see us as he passed through town enroute to Elamton Monday.

D. R. Keeton has just installed a hot soda dispenser. You can get anything hot to drink that you want.

Need Janniney, of Cannel City, was visiting his mother-in-law, Mrs. Joseph Johnson, who is very sick, the first of the week.

J. F. Maxey, of Dingus, was in town on business Monday and while here took occasion to call and subscribe for the Courier.

Uncle Ned Perry 73 years old and as dapper as a boy called in while in town Monday and subscribed for the Courier as had at sent to his son Jno. M. Perry Jr. at Paton, Ia.

Willie Williams, of Flanery, was in town Monday attending the democratic committee meeting and while here subscribed for the Courier for himself and father. Come again Mr. Williams.

H. A. Maxey, of Peebles, Wis., is visiting relatives in his home town. Henry has been Cashier of a bank at Peebles for two years and this is his first visit to West Liberty since he went away.

J. W. Davis, and Luther Pieratt, two of our faithful folks, of Ezel gladdened the editor's heart with a dollar each on subscription while in town Monday. These are the kind of people we like to have on our list.

Mrs. A. R. Tabor, of Crider, Mo., had been troubled with sick headache for about five years, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She has taken two bottles of them and they have cured her. Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach for which these tablets are especially intended. Try them, get well and stay well. Sold by all dealers.—Advertisement.

HAWKIN'S CONFESSION.

We have about twenty more copies of Hawkin's Confession here for sale. Hawkin killed four men, married six times, was executed before he was twenty-one years of age. If you want one come and get it before they are all gone. Price 5c.

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