

COUNTY FIELD DAY EXERCISES

The third annual Field Day for the schools of Kershaw County, was held Friday, April 7th. Notwithstanding the weather gave promise early in the morning of being unfavorable the crowds began to come in and by ten o'clock the streets were alive with visitors and school children. Special rates had been obtained over the Southern from Heath Springs and intermediate stations and over the Seaboard from Bethune and Cassatt, and many automobiles and other conveyances were brought into service.

The programme this year varied from what it was last year. Instead of the school fair and parade of the children school floats were introduced. They proved to be not only very attractive, but in a very large measure accomplished what they were designed to accomplish—to give the people a better idea of the real progress of the schools in the rural districts and to give inspiration to school progress generally. The floats were brought up on Laurens street in front of the Graded school building—twenty in number and some of the schools using several wagons—Antioch school had six wagons and a cart. After the floats had been lined up the committee of judges, consisting of the following ladies and gentlemen judged them: Mrs. J. M. Forbis, of Bethune; Mrs. Louise Williams, of Kershaw; Capt. J. W. Hamel, of Kershaw; Mr. George D. Brown, of Columbia, and Mr. Ernest Anderson, of Newberry. The floats then proceeded down Broad street, passing through Arthur street, thence up Market street into DeKalb street, and across Broad street. To give some idea of the length of the parade, when the floats were passing through Arthur street, the first one was crossing Broad street—just a little more than the length of six squares.

The prize for the best float was a trophy cup to be suitably engraved and kept by the school winning it until some other school may be able to win it. The judges decided in favor of Antioch school. The float of this school represented progress. The features shown in this float were the old and new building; corn and pig club; domestic science; all pupils present. There are 83 children in this district and every one is enrolled in school, and the per cent of attendance is by far the best this school has ever had. 108 members of the School Improvement Association; more than \$100 raised by school entertainments. The judges were heard to say that they wished

there were twenty prizes to award so that they might give a prize to each one, so attractive were all of them. Canterbury school was given second place by the judges, Camden third. Second prize for floats, \$10; third, \$5. Pine Grove 4th, Cassatt 5th, Lugoff 6th, Cleveland, Westville, Bethune, McLeod and Piedmont were given honorable mention.

Canterbury school had a fine representation of Peace. The float gotten up by the Camden school would be hard to excel in point of beauty and attractiveness. It represented Washington's visit to Camden, and Agnes of Glasgow.

Trinity school presented an Indian scene which was very fine.

Lugoff school had a charming float representing Dutch life.

Malvern Hill displayed William Penn and the Indians in fine style.

Cleveland school had a catchy float representing the nations of the world.

The Mill school float attracted much attention with its representation of flowers of spring.

Piedmont school represented Japanese life. Their costumes were especially attractive.

DeKalb school displayed taste in its float of Japanese life and the tea party.

Beaver Dam school got up a splendid float, representing the Stars and Stripes.

McLeod's school float was lovely in its representation of Mid Summer Night's Dream.

When the Cassatt float passed by every one had something to say of its loveliness, representing the Wilson-Gault wedding.

Westville school was expected to get up a good float, and it certainly did. Its representation of the Eskimo life was fine and the costumes were very attractive.

Oakland school, which enjoys the distinction for the first time this year of being classed among the rural graded schools of the county, and which won one of the State prizes on its improvements—a cash prize of \$25—had an attractive float, representing the Stars and Stripes. Betsy Ross making the first flag was real catchy.

Blaney school displayed a real patriotic spirit by representing Uncle Sam.

Bethune school had a representation of three buildings—the first school house erected in that community, the second one after the town was organized and the handsome new brick building costing about \$10,000 which has

just been completed. Its representation of progress was real good.

Stockton school in Colonial life was very attractive, as was also the costumes.

Pine Grove, in West Water, was frequently commented on for its splendid representation of progress, showing the old and new school houses.

Crescent school had an attractive float, representing local scenes.

Several other floats would have been in the parade but for the threatening weather, and which finally turned out to be a cold, rainy day.

The parade of floats being over the tests. All of the literary contests were carried on at the same time. The oratorical and declamation contests for next in order was the literary compositions in the higher grades were held at the opera house; for the elementary grades, at the Baptist church, and the other contests in the various offices in the court house.

The following were the winners of prizes:

In the High School boys' oratorical contest, Harry King, of the Bethune school was the winner. Prize, gold medal. Birchall Lee McNeely, of the Cassatt school, second, honorable mention.

High School Girls Declamation contest—1st, Miss Ruth Watts, of the Bethune school. Prize, gold medal. Second, Miss Zenia Lowman, of the Cassatt school; third, Miss Marie Williams, of Malvern Hill school.

The judges in the oratorical and declamation contests for the high school pupils were Capt. J. W. Hamel, of Kershaw, Mr. Ernest Anderson, of Newberry, Mr. G. M. Meares, of Columbia, Rev. J. A. Davidson, D. D., and Mrs. E. C. vonTresckow, of Camden.

Elementary School Boys Oratorical Contest—First, Carl Stokes, of Cassatt school. Prize, gold medal. Second, William DeLoache, Camden Graded school; third, Foster Gardner, Bethune school.

Elementary Girls' Declamation Contest—First, Gladys West, of Cassatt school. Prize, gold medal. Second, Roberta Magill, 3C school; third, Alice English, Cleveland school.

The judges in the elementary oratorical and declamation contests were Mr. George Brown, of Columbia, and Mrs. E. A. Brown and Miss Lucile Mickle, of this county.

First Arithmetic Contest—Edgar Cauten, 3C's school, prize \$5c.

Second Arithmetic Contest—Cecil Worsham, DeKalb school, prize \$1.

Third Arithmetic Contest—Nye Workman, DeKalb school, prize \$1.

First Story Reproduction—Thoburn Bond, Camden graded school, gold medal.

Second Story Reproduction—Augusta Bostick, Stockton school, gold medal.

First Composition Contest—Lorena Rabon, Lugoff school, prize gold medal.

Second Composition Contest—Paul Twitty, of Camden school, prize, gold medal.

First Grade Reading Contest—W. R. Taylor, Sand Hill school, prize, gold medal.

Second Reading Contest—Katharine Ward, Bethune, prize, gold medal.

Third Reading Contest—Ruth Estridge, Bethune school, prize, gold medal.

Fourth grade Reading Contest—Aubrey Beattie, Camden school, prize, gold medal.

First Spelling Contest—Lillie Rose, Blaney school, prize, mirror.

Second Spelling Contest—First, Katie Turner, Stockton school, prize 50c; second, Alberta Hammond, Lugoff.

Third Spelling Contest—First, Annie Clements, Liberty Hill school, prize 50c; Ruth Joyner, of Blaney school, and Malinda Ward, of Bethune school, tied for second place.

Map Drawing Contest—Fourth and fifth grade, Mary Ray, Pine Grove school, prize 75c.

Second Contest—Sixth and Seventh grades, Jaunita Croxton, 6th grade of 3C's school, prize 75c.

Third Contest—Johnnie Murchison, Cleveland school, 8th grade, prize 75c.

Writing Contest—First year pupil, Willie Mae Loveless, 7 years old, Mill school, prize 50c. Second, Jean Richards, Liberty Hill school.

Second Contest—Elise Dabney, ten years old, Malvern Hill school, first prize 50c; second, Jim Sinclair, eight years old, Gumberry school.

The gold medal in the domestic science contest was awarded Tyson Yates, of the Antioch school. Second best, Miss Ethel Bruce; third, Miss Marie Williams. Special mention was made of the following: Louise Ogburn, and Boyd Workman, DeKalb school; Ben Campbell, Antioch school; Senle Croxton, 3C's school; Florence Langley, Malvern Hill school; May Rush and Essie Barnes, of Cleveland school.

The John D. Kennedy Chapter, U. D. C., offered two medals for compositions. Miss Margaret Richards, an eighth grade pupil in the Liberty Hill school, won the medal offered to a pupil in the rural schools for the best composition on the subject "The Confederate Navy."

Mr. Paul Twitty, a pupil in the Camden High School, won the medal offered for the best composition written by a pupil in the town schools. These compositions were to be delivered publicly by Mr. L. T. Mills, but the weather interfered with the arrangements. The prizes were to be presented at the fair grounds, but as the rain continued it was decided to call off the athletic events for Friday and have them at some later date.

About three hundred children took part in the literary contests and there were about the same number registered for the athletic events. The programme was carried out as scheduled with the exception of the athletic events. After the rain had fallen for several hours the grounds were in no condition for these events, and as the rain continued there was nothing else to do but to postpone them.

The splendid spirit manifested on this occasion was a matter of favorable comment, and was very gratifying to the county department of education. Comparatively few of the business men were called upon to contribute prizes but it is very gratifying to state that not a single one who was called upon declined to encourage the work by re-

fusing to respond.

Cash contributions were made as follows: Loan and Savings Bank, \$5; First National Bank, \$5; Bank of Camden, \$5; C. H. Yates, \$1; Joseph Sheehan, \$1; W. T. Smith, \$1. Articles of merchandise were subscribed by the following firms to be used as prizes in the athletic events: Hubs & Barrett, Pearce Young, Harnish-Nettes Co., G. L. Blackwell, M. H. Hoymann, L. Schenk & Co., Wolfe-Eichel Co., T. J. Arrants and H. L. Schlosburg.

It was a great day for the schools of the county, and the many pleasant things said of field day are very gratifying, and speaks much for the enterprising teachers and trustees and patrons of the schools and for the thousands of school children. We congratulate the contestants upon their work, and all who had a part in making this a "great day" for the schools of the county.

Messrs. L. B. Templeton and G. M. Meares, of the University of South Carolina, came over Friday morning to assist in the athletic events, but as they were called off for Friday these young men very kindly consented to come back for these events when a date was fixed for them.

A Special Medal.

In the reading contests on Field Day, the medal for fourth grade having been won by a pupil of the Camden Graded schools, it was thought by those in grade reading should be given to a pupil from a country school, therefore a special medal was awarded by the judges in this contest to Mildred Gardner of the Camden Graded schools, as the best third grade reader in Kershaw county.

MARY MILES MINTER

In "Dimples" Tomorrow at Majestic Theatre.

Little Mary Miles Minter, the charming and gifted young actress, who has been seen in the stellar roles in "Barbara Frietchie," "Emmy of Stork's Nest" and other Metro wonderplays, will be seen here at the Majestic to-



morrow, Saturday, April 15th, in "Dimples," a five part Metro feature produced by the Columbia Pictures Corporation. "Dimples" is an original story written especially for Miss Minter by Mary Louise Downing, and adapted for the screen by Harry O.

Hoyt. Miss Minter is supported by an exceptionally strong cast including Thomas J. Carrigan, her new leading man; William Cowpen, Peggy Hopkins, Charlotte Shelby, Harry Ford, Ford, Tidmarsh, William Rausher, Mae De Metz, Schuyler Ladd, John L. Donough, and other prominent stage and screen artists. The production is mounted on an elaborate scale and there are many beautiful exteriors made in the picturesque country around Jacksonville, Fla. "Dimples" promises to be one of the most delightful photo-plays of the season.—adv.

"Blanche Sweet"

In a worn blue sweater and a dilapidated boy's cap, Blanche Sweet, the beautiful Lasky star, will make her appearance at the Majestic today in the Jesse L. Lasky production of "The Ragamuffin," which was written

especially for her by Wm. C. De Mille, the distinguished American dramatist. That Miss Sweet is more charming than ever in this slum costume goes without saying and her millions of friends who have seen her in evening gowns and the latest fashions will be more than delighted with her as the cute little "tough" in her forthcoming release.

Along with "The Ragamuffin" will be shown "The Iron Claw"—advertisement.

Charley Penland, a young white man was convicted of white slavery in the Federal Court in Greenville last week, and sentenced to two years' imprisonment in Atlanta.

Ella McDaniel, a negro woman of Columbia, who recently joined a carnival company in that city dropped dead on the stage in Columbia Tuesday.

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