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SCHOOL NEWS

The Good Roads Institute

February 23-27, at the University of North Carolina. Distinguished speakers: Prof. C. M. Straban, University of Georgia, W. W. Crosby, Highway Commissioner for Maryland, D. H. Winslow, Federal Office of Public Highways, Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist of North Carolina. Subjects: Top-soil and Sand-clay Roads, Highway Maintenance, Bituminous Roads, Macadam Roads, Bridges and Culverts. Invited: All road engineers, superintendents, commissioners, and all other officials or citizens interested in improved highway building and maintenance.

All Accounted For: None Missing

Twenty-one graduates of the University Law School were examined before the Supreme Court at Raleigh last week, and twenty-one of them received licenses to practice law in North Carolina. It is the usual record.

Commercial Clubs and Rural Progress

Mr. E. C. Branson, head of the department of Rural Economics and president of the North Carolina Club at the University, addressed The Greater Charlotte Club Friday night of last week upon Greater Charlotte and its Countryside Foundations.

On Saturday morning he spoke to the farmers, the school board members, the school committeemen, and the teachers upon Country-Life Problems in Mecklenburg.

The McNair Lectures

Dr. John Dewey of Columbia University delivered the McNair lectures at the University of North Carolina, upon Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of last week. Subjects: The Inner and Outer Worlds, the State and the Moral Life, and the Philosophy of History. Here are great subjects and they were ably discussed by a great thinker.

The Land of Opportunity

Mr. Bion H. Butler of Southern Pines addressed the North Carolina Club at the University last Wednesday night. The Land of Opportunity for the young man of to-day is North Carolina, said he. His theme was the boundless resources of our state, their inspiring possibilities, and the manifold opportunities they offer for careers of achievement and service.

Mr. Butler is a Pennsylvanian who for the last ten years has lived in North Carolina. But he knows the state as most of us don't know it and as all of us ought to know it. His buoyant optimism is contagious. His inspiring address bred in his audience a new faith in their Mother State, in themselves, in the North Carolina Club and its mission.

When he comes again to the University, he will have even a greater welcome.

A Useful Bulletin

Extension Bulletin No. 2 of the University is entitled "Addresses on Education for use in Declaiming, Essay Writing, and Reading." It contains material especially suitable for boys and girls who are interested in declamations and essays. It contains extracts from addresses by educational leaders of the last few decades: Joyner, Alderman, Battle, McIver, Claxton, Noble, and many others.

An a number of counties this bulletin is being used as a source of selections for the Declamation Contests at the approaching County Commencements.

A postal addressed to the Bureau of Extension will bring this bulletin to you.

The Big High School Debate

Should the United States adopt the policy of subsidizing its merchant marine engaged in foreign trade?

This question will be debated on March 26th in 250 communities of the State, by the 250 schools that have enrolled in the High School Debating Union. Each school has been placed with two others for a triangular debate.

The schools winning both of their debates will send their debaters to the University on April 9th, to take part in the final contest for the Aycock Memorial Cup.

Only 8.9 per cent of American ship-

ping is at present carried in American vessels. The high school boys and girls will thoroughly thresh out the subsidy as a means of building up the marine.

The Honor Roll

The University News Letter is rejoicing in the increasing length of the honor roll of counties establishing moonlight schools, for the elimination of adult illiteracy; so far 13 counties and 47 schools.

Harnett county	10
Columbus county	10
Beaufort county	10
Edgecombe county	5
Johnston county	4
Lee county	1
Cherokee county	1
Transylvania county	1
Scotland county	1
Sampson county	1
Cabarrus county	1
Watauga county	1
Richmond county	1

So far as we know Bentonyville, Johnston county, has the largest enrollment, 42; Columbus has the oldest pupil, a man 72 years of age.

The pupils of the Old Mill School, Edgecombe county, have suggested giving an entertainment for the benefit of their teacher—a very tangible form of appreciation.

Extension Lectures

The University professors under the auspices of the Bureau of Extension deliver lectures anywhere in North Carolina. The only charge attached to the lectures is for the payment of the traveling expenses of the speakers.

At High Point this Spring lectures will be given in this order by University professors:

- E. C. Branson, Come, Let Us Live with Our Children, Feb. 19.
- G. M. McKie, Recitals from Modern Humorists, Feb. 25.
- L. A. Williams, James Whitecomb Riley, March 5.
- A. H. Patterson, The Story of the Stars, March 12.

These lectures will be given under the auspices of the High Point Women's Club, and will be open to the general public.

Other communities in which lectures will soon be given under somewhat the same plan are: Burlington, Charlotte, Jamestown, Asheboro, Randleman, Ahsokie, Statesville, Salisbury, Red Springs, Spencer, Mebane, and Manteo.

Southern Exchange Foundation

During the present year, the lecture committee of the University of North Carolina has organized a system of exchange lectureships between certain representative Southern Universities. These lectureships have for their primary purpose the promotion of productive thought and scholarship. The four institutions represented are Vanderbilt, South Carolina, Virginia, and North Carolina.

Dr. Edwin Mims of Vanderbilt will lecture at the University of Virginia, President Currell of South Carolina at Vanderbilt, Professor W. M. Thornton of Virginia at the University of North Carolina, and Professor E. P. Venable of North Carolina at the University of South Carolina.

During the present week, ex-president Venable, former President of the American Chemical Society, will lecture at the University of South Carolina. His lectures, concerned with modern developments in chemical science and research, will be addressed primarily to the classes in chemistry. During his stay in Columbia, he will also speak before the faculty and student body.

Homespun Studies

Among other homespun studies, the North Carolina Club is studying the Crop Lien in North Carolina, and its related subjects (1) Densities of Negro Population, (2) Increasing Negro Farm Ownership, (3) Farm Tenancy, white and black, (4) Single Cash-Crop systems, and (5) the Time-Credit Business of the Supply-merchants.

Here are big subjects—big with significance, our country civilization considered. They call for accurate knowledge, complete mastery, and wise remedies, economic, social and civic.

Brief notes of these Crop Lien studies will get into the University News Letter from time to time.

IF THE SOUTH FED ITSELF!

Seaman A. Knapp

These Southern states rightfully should be the richest in the land. They have the greatest crop-producing power. They control the clothing of the world almost absolutely. We have been raising cotton and selling it and buying everything else. That practice never made a people rich.

If we will produce everything that we consume, our own butter, cheese, poultry, as well as horses, and let our cotton be a cash crop, we will own the banks, we will own the policy of the country, and in the control of the world.

CAROLINA CLUB NOTES

Curing Adult Illiteracy

Mr. D. Y. Cooper, a wealthy tobacco man and cotton manufacturer, in Vance county, does not believe in ignorant mill labor.

With other interested, fine people, he is offering the King's Daughters, the Civic League, and the Sunday Schools a dollar apiece for every adult white illiterate in and around Henderson taught to read and write.

The University News Letter will be glad to report the results of this campaign and others of similar sort elsewhere.

Learning About North Carolina

The editors of the University News Letter are reading a hundred and ten North Carolina newspaper exchanges every week.

It may be important for the people of North Carolina to know about their University. But it is also important for the University to know about the people of North Carolina, as they hope and dream, struggle forward and achieve day by day.

And so we read our exchanges. How else could we know about the North Carolina that is and is to be?

Keep in the Lead

The McRae-Brunmitt bills before the legislature covering Credit Unions, Co-operative Enterprise, and Land and Loan Associations are a great improvement upon the Texas bills of 1913; so much better that they put North Carolina far in the lead in this new field of American legislation.

The Tennessee Legislature is now considering similar bills, so Governor Rye writes the University News Letter.

-We ought to keep well ahead of Tennessee and all other states in holding out a helping hand to the farmers.

Georgia Gains Eighty-Four Millions

Under her new tax law, the 1913-14 increase of taxable wealth in Georgia was eighty-four million dollars.

Her State tax rate has been lowered from \$5.00 to \$4.50 per thousand dollars worth of property. Barring one year only, it is the lowest rate in Georgia in the last twenty-five years.

The cost of operating the new law was less than \$5,000. Georgia's plan is more property on the tax books and a lower rate. And it works.

Chesty

Our county is still in it in spite of hard times, says one of our country exchanges. The banks of our county had on deposit Jan. 1, 1915, over \$500,000, it goes on to say.

But the year before, all the money in the county in and outside the banks amounted to only \$203,655; or about \$5.50 apiece counting men, women, and children.

Or that was all the folks could remember when the sheriff came around collecting taxes. It is the same old story everywhere.

We come into the world kicking and pass through life dodging—dodging some things some of the time, and other things all the time, taxes say.

We are all kickers by nature, and tax dodgers by nurture; at least, until people rise into the idea that taxes equably levied and wisely expended are a necessary investment in public progress.

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Our City Schools

The problems of the rural school teacher and officers are so insistent that we sometimes forget the excellent work being done in our city schools. The officers and teachers in these latter institutions, however, are working faithfully at their tasks and report progressive movements.

In Asheville

Superintendent Harry Howell of Asheville writes to the University School of Education the following interesting items about the work being done in the schools of that city.

School Gardens

We recently entertained Miss Ethel Gowans of the Federal Bureau of Education, and accepted her plans for home gardening under-school supervision. We are arranging to appoint one teacher in each of our elementary schools to take charge of the work for the children in the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Grades and supervise it from the planting time throughout the summer.

School Lunches

The Park Avenue School, under Miss Q. M. Carson, Principal, is operating, very successfully, a penny lunch. She serves one dish a day, either of soup or of beans, or a cereal or cocoa, and sells each portion for a cent. Each day she distributes about 50 free lunch tickets. This lunch is served at 10:30 so as to provide needed nourishment for those pupils who do not secure proper food for breakfast.

About one-half of the children in this school are patronizing the lunch.

A Mothers' Club

A vigorous Mothers' Club has been organized at the Orange Street School. W. J. Barton, Principal, with an enrollment of about one hundred members. Their first undertaking is to establish a lunch counter in that section. They are now making plans in that direction.

Prizes Offered

The Civic Improvement League of Asheville is offering a cash prize of \$25 to that school of Asheville presenting the best plan for the beautification of school premises.

A Special Supervisor

Beginning with February first, Mrs. W. A. Newell becomes the Supervisor of Kindergarten and Primary Grades. In addition to her class-room visitations she will meet the kindergarten and primary teachers each once a week for lectures and discussions.

Sewing in the Grades

Beginning February first, sewing will be taught to the girls in all grades below the seventh. It is already taught in all grades of the High School.

Teacher Study Circle

The basal text for the winter teachers' meetings is McMurry's Elementary School Standards. The plan is to criticize our own teaching and course of study in the light of these standards.

CAROLINA CLUB STUDIES

THE 1914 INCOME TAX

Gross incomes in North Carolina, beyond twelve hundred and fifty dollars, from salaries, fees, trades, and un-taxed property are taxed from one to two and a half per cent, according to the amount of the excess.

The total revenue from this tax in 1914 was \$52,710.41.

This total was paid by 67 counties, in amounts ranging from \$1.50 in Alleghany to \$6,301.40 in Mecklenburg county.

In thirty-three counties, nobody had a gross income of more than \$1250; at least no income tax was paid into the State treasury from these counties.

INCOME TAX PAID UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA LAW

Report State Tax Commissioner, 1914

E. S. BOOTH, Durham County Club

Rank	County	Amt. Income Tax	Rank	County	Amt. Income Tax
1.	Mecklenburg	\$6,301.40	35.	Union	257.22
2.	New Hanover	5,486.02	36.	Johnston	228.36
3.	Wake	4,769.02	37.	Randolph	205.75
4.	Forsyth	4,645.69	38.	Scotland	189.00
5.	Guilford	4,236.81	39.	Warren	180.29
6.	Durham	4,143.35	40.	Anson	158.54
7.	Buncombe	3,249.68	41.	Wilkes	144.00
8.	Cabarrus	1,802.87	42.	Lee	116.00
9.	Vance	1,168.75	43.	Stanly	113.90
10.	Nash	1,096.91	44.	Harnett	108.45
11.	Rockingham	1,077.85	45.	Duplin	97.46
12.	Gaston	1,024.39	46.	Perquimans	95.05
13.	Haliifax	926.10	47.	Caldwell	82.51
14.	Wilson	913.67	48.	Lincoln	81.00
15.	Rowan	867.70	49.	Swain	77.00
16.	Craven	814.69	50.	Cherokee	76.22
17.	Wayne	762.33	51.	Henderson	62.00
18.	Edgecombe	637.33	52.	Transylvania	56.75
19.	Richmond	517.50	53.	Martin	53.00
20.	Pasquotank	508.75	54.	Davie	52.00
21.	Pitt	421.30	55.	Montgomery	47.50
22.	Columbus	407.05	56.	Person	45.00
23.	Orange	406.40	57.	McDowell	40.00
24.	Iredell	380.81	58.	Brunswick	25.63
25.	Catawba	380.23	59.	Northampton	25.50
26.	Rutherford	372.69	59.	Pamlico	25.50
27.	Lenoir	368.85	61.	Chatham	25.00
28.	Granville	360.50	61.	Haywood	25.00
29.	Alamance	359.78	63.	Jones	18.00
30.	Chowan	355.20	64.	Washington	17.00
31.	Beaufort	343.48	64.	Hertford	17.00
32.	Robeson	309.25	66.	Ashe	2.50
33.	Davidson	286.10	67.	Alleghany	1.50
34.	Moore	258.13			

Thirty-Three Counties that Paid No Income Tax in 1914

Alexander, Avery, Bertie, Bladen, Burke, Camden, Carteret, Caswell, Clay, Cleveland, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Franklin, Gates, Graham, Greene, Hoke, Hyde, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Onslow, Pender, Polk, Sampson, Stokes, Surry, Tyrrell, Watauga, Yadkin, Yancey.

Federal Aid to Good Roads

Write your Congressman for Senator Bourne's newly published report on Federal Aid to Good Roads.

It is an accurate, full, up-to-date account of the whole subject of improved highway building.

A State Highway Commission

Some forty states have State Highway Commissions. But, so far, North Carolina is not in this list.

If the bill on this subject now before the legislature can muster a majority vote, the State will take a great step forward.