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Wishing You A Merry Christmas and A Prosperous New Year

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAKE GOOD SHOWING.

Containing Information Not Tabulated Before. That Will Be of Much Interest to the Public.

A total of \$408.16 raised in various ways for the improvement of public school houses and grounds in Franklin county is what appeared from the reports made by the different schools at the monthly meeting of the Teachers Association held in Louisburg on December 7th. In addition to this eleven schools report work done in the way of cleaning up and improving grounds. Twenty two schools observed North Carolina day on the 6th and reported contributions to the Aycock Memorial Fund amounting to \$31.31, not counting all proceeds from sale of pictures of Gov. Aycock which are to be reported later. Also Bunn reported 1200 pounds of cotton from the school farm which has not been sold. During the month two new libraries and six supplementary libraries have been ordered. These are a few of the facts brought out at the meeting and show something of the general progress in school matters in our county.

The meeting was largely given over to reports from the schools. Mr. G. M. Bean, of the Mapleville school spoke briefly of the district meeting held by Miss Arrington at Mapleville, and Miss Sallie Allen of the meeting held at Bunn.

Announcement was made of district meetings to be held at Ingleside on the 10th and at New Hope on the 12th.

In another column appears a statement showing the enrollment and average attendance for the various schools for the week ending Nov. 29th and also the amount contributed for the Aycock fund.

A summary of the written reports as to work done for school improvement is given below.

Pearse (Dunn's)
Box party \$34.00
Donated by patrons \$10.00
Five cords of wood given.
Pine Ridge
Apron sale \$25.00
Pilot
School Farm cotton \$96.00
Bunn
Lawn party \$15.00
School Farm cotton 1200 lbs.
Outsides for fuel donated by Cheves-Beddingfield Lumber Co. International Encyclopedia placed temporarily in library. Organization of literary society and debating club for boys. Men of the district gave a day's work toward preparing the grounds for the new school building.

New Hope
Sale of scrap iron .35
Box party \$26.90
Donation for library \$5.00
Laurel
Number of framed pictures donated.
Two dozen books including a dictionary loaned for the year.
Library ordered
Dr. Jacobs lectured on hookworm disease.

Moulton
Donated for library \$5.00
" " painting house \$5.00
" " picture frame \$1.00
Ingleside
Oyster supper \$15.00
Kearney's
Call bell donated
4 cords wood

Centerville
Box party \$30.00
Woods
Box party \$30.00
13 pictures donated
3 blackboards
1 load wood

Justice
Oyster supper \$22.00
Concert \$8.00
A play \$21.65
7 loads of wood donated
Mapleville
Raised by pupils for dictionary \$4.00
Ice cream supper \$30.00
Sale of hickory nuts \$1.00
Magazines and papers for Reading Room donated. Complete set of Bulwer's works donated.
Organization of Reading club which meets every Friday night.
Hickory Rock
Oyster supper \$11.75
Raised by pupils for blackboard .75
1 load of wood donated.
Mapleville
Wood for barn donated.
The meeting was unusually interest-

ing. It is something of a pity that the people of the county cannot attend these meetings and realize the efforts that are being made for the improvement of our school facilities. The next session of the Association will be held Saturday the 11th day of January.

Box Party

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the academy at Wood, Friday evening last. The affair, a box party, given for the young ladies of the vicinity who believe in higher education was pronounced by every one to be a howling success. The academy was beautifully decorated with all kinds of flags, bunting and holly. At an early hour there was standing room only. The ladies who contributed to the affair were Miss Mamie Dickson, Franklinton, Miss Lillian Upchurch, Miss Viola Harrington, Miss Ruby Winston, Centerville, Miss Esther Taylor, Miss Lucy Gupton, Miss Lillie Lanier, Miss Noby Gupton, Miss May Gupton, Wood, and Miss Emma Underhill, Louisburg. Mr. Wm. D. Upchurch, Centerville, was the auctioneer and it was evidently a fact the gentleman had used the hammer before, because in a very short time he had sold every box and turned over \$50.00 to C. G. Wood, Treasurer. After the sale of the boxes every one was given the privilege of voting for, in their opinion, the most beautiful girl present. Miss Dickson won the prize. Miss Emma Underhill, of Louisburg, contributed the box bringing the largest amount of money. Refreshments were served during the entire evening.

The Franklin County Union.

The next session of the Franklin County Union Meeting will be held with the Maple Springs Baptist church Saturday and Sunday Dec. 22-23.

The following is the suggested program.

Saturday 9:30. Prayer Service, by Bro. Dennis Clark.

What is the Christian's secret of a happy life? By Rev. J. W. Sledge and Bro. Will Ransdell.

Enlisting and training our church membership for service, by Rev. Mack Stamps and Walter M. Gilmore.

AFTER-NOON SESSION.

What is the Bible teaching on Church Discipline? Rev. G. W. Coppedge and Rev. J. H. Harper.

How can we increase the efficiency of our Sunday Schools? By Rev. C. C. Williams and Bro. T. H. Sledge and Bro. W. J. Dennis.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Sunday School Mass Meeting, led by Bro. Jas. Fulgum.

Sermon by Rev. W. B. Morton.
Maple Springs church and community extend a most cordial welcome to all who will come.

Barbecue and Brunswick Stew.

Last week the old Portis Homestead was the scene of much merry making. The stags gave the party but did not confine the invitations to their sex. The pig and the stew were taken off the coals at 1:30 p. m., and served in the large dining room of the Portis home, about thirty covers were laid. After dinner a cotillion was danced, followed by the Virginia Reel, then lots of two steps and waltzes. The big event of the day was a live bird shoot contest open for the ladies only. Miss Maud Connell was high gun. Among the guests from other places were Mrs. and Miss Pearson, New York, Mrs. and Miss Connell, Inc., Miss Underhill, Louisburg, Miss Dickson, Franklinton.

No Paper Next Week.

In keeping with a custom that has been held in, high esteem throughout the age of the Times, and also in general use among practically all the weekly papers of the state there will be no publication of the FRANKLIN TIMES next week. We feel sure that our many readers will gladly extend to the force an opportunity to enjoy a few days holiday as it is the only time during the year they can get. Each and every one connected with the office join together in extending the season's best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Stores to Close.

The stores in Louisburg will, in keeping with a long standing custom, close two days during Christmas.

Close February 1st.

Through a misunderstanding the information was given as wrong in regard to the closing of the tobacco warehouses for the season the past week. The articles should have read February 1st instead of February 15, for the final closing.

NO CASE AGAINST HIM

BEASLEY IS FOUND NOT IN CONTEMPT

Case in Federal Court Against Franklin Man Dismissed—Great Numbers of Franklin County Citizens Present to Testify to His High Character.

The contempt proceedings in the Federal court at Raleigh against W. F. Beasley, a prominent business man and farmer of Franklin county, were dismissed yesterday at the instance of the government, represented by Assistant District Attorney I. M. Meekins, after a formidable array of affidavits and testimony had been presented to the court to controvert the unsupported affidavit of Jeff Parrish, a negro, and to establish the high character of Mr. Beasley.

This was a case of much interest to the people of Franklin county especially, and many of the representative citizens and business men of that county were here yesterday at their own instance, lending their moral support to the man accused. The discharge of the rule by Judge Connor absolutely wipes away the charge against Mr. Beasley.

The case grew out of the trial last week of five negroes from Franklin county who were charged with retailing. Mr. Beasley was the bondsman for the defendants, having taken security on certain properties and a fee of \$10 in each case for the service rendered in keeping the defendants out of jail. Parrish was a witness in these cases. At the same time an indictment against his son for breach of the peace was pending in Franklin Superior court and the five defendants in the Federal court were witnesses against the younger Parrish negro in the State court.

While on the stand in the Federal court last week Jeff Parrish testified that W. F. Beasley had approached him and offered him \$25 to suppress the truth in his testimony against the five defendants for whom Beasley was bondsman and that the latter had threatened to have the witness indicted in the State court in Franklin for retailing, unless Parrish did suppress the truth as to the defendants.

The court had Parrish put his testimony against Mr. Beasley into the form of an affidavit and thereupon Judge H. G. Connor, of the Federal court, issued a rule against Mr. Beasley calling upon him to show cause why he should not be held in contempt of court in attempting to bribe and intimidate a witness. The hearing was continued once or twice on account of the necessary absence of Hon. F. S. Spruill of Rocky Mount, chief counsel for Mr. Beasley, but the case was finally heard yesterday, when Mr. Beasley, presented an affidavit controverting the statements made by Parrish and further setting forth that instead of having approached him that Parrish had approached Beasley and told him that he would suppress the truth against the defendants for whom Mr. Beasley was bondsman if the latter would use his influence in behalf of Parrish's son who was to be tried in Franklin court. Collateral to Mr. Beasley's affidavit, others from Deputy Sheriff J. A. Lancaster, Representative-elect J. A. Turner and United States Commissioner J. L. Palmer, all of Franklin county, were produced, in further support of Mr. Beasley's contentions, the five defendants tried last week testified.

At the conclusion of the hearing of the affidavits and testimony the action was dismissed on motion of the government.

The case was one which brought to the support of Mr. Beasley great numbers of representative citizens of Franklin county. Some fifty to seventy five came to testify in his behalf, among these being Messrs. W. H. Allen, S. P. Boddie, J. M. Allen, F. B. Griffin, W. O. Stone, E. W. Hudson, J. J. Lancaster, J. S. Lancaster, A. E. Johnson, J. R. Jones, E. S. Ford, B. M. Williamson, W. K. Massenburg, K. F. Hill, J. A. Turner, Feasor Spivey, Charles Clarke, M. F. Kosok, J. B. Yarbrough, Rev. J. F. Mitchell, Dr. J. E. Malone, Dr. H. M. Perry, Dr. H. A. Newell, all of Louisburg, Capt. I. H. Kearney, of Franklinton, Dr. J. O. Newell, of Keokansville, Adkin May, of Woodell, and many others.

In the hearing of the case the testimony of Parrish was not corroborated. The affidavits for the government and the testimony of government witnesses Messrs. E. L. Harris, W. E. May and W. D. Weather, did not bear out his allegations, and it was not necessary

for the defense to put on testimony. Many affidavits gave testimony as to the high character of Mr. Beasley. It was shown that the five negroes, Chas. Harris, Henry Egerton, Moses Danston, Hugh King and Chas. Egerton had been acquitted of the charge of retailing, to which Parrish testified, and the allegations of Parrish as to attempts to bribe and intimidate were not sustained, the court dismissing the rule, and thus clearing Mr. Beasley.

Appearing in the case for Mr. Beasley were Messrs. F. S. Spruill, of Rocky Mount, B. T. Holden and W. M. Person, of Louisburg, and Bennett H. Perry, of Henderson. In their handling of the case it was shown that the allegations against Mr. Beasley were groundless and without putting on witnesses for him Judge Connor discharged the rule, entirely exonerating Mr. Beasley.

District Meetings

In addition to the regular monthly teachers' meeting, the district meeting has been instituted in this county, the results so far showing that this means of bringing teachers into closer touch with the supervisor and with one another is quite worth while. Six such meetings will give every teacher in the county the opportunity to observe the teaching and school management of some other teacher or teachers for one day, since the school visited remains in session during the forenoon. After the pupils are dismissed the teachers discuss their common problems in a way quite impossible in a larger group.

The supervisor after selecting a meeting place sends the following notice to the teachers of the adjacent districts:

"There will be a teachers' meeting at school from 9 till 3 o'clock on—date. You have the privilege of dismissing your school for the day in order to attend, and unless providentially hindered we shall expect you to do so."

The following meetings of this nature have been held:

BUNN, NOV. 8TH.

Schools represented: Bunn, Pearce, New Hope, Pine Ridge, Pilot, Seven Falls, Mapleville.

PROGRAM.

8:30-11:30. OBSERVATION.

11:30-12. Explanation of Instructions to Teachers, Miss Arrington.

12-12:30. Discussion Chapter XIII. Reading in Public Schools. Lead by Mr. Beam.

1-1:30. The Bunn Library and Reading Room. Mr. Highsmith.

1:30-3. Discussion of Observation:

(1) Miss Cheatham's Primary work.

(2) Miss Roger's History Recitations.

(3) Miss Gill's Geography Study Lesson.

MAPLEVILLE, NOV. 15.

Schools represented: Mapleville, Cedar Rock, White Level, Hickory Rock, Justice.

PROGRAM.

8:30-11:30. Observation:

11:30-12. Explanation of Instructions to Teachers, Miss Arrington.

12-12:45. Lunch.

12:45-1:30. Reading in Public Schools. Mr. Beam.

1:30-1:45. Teachers Daily Preparation. Mr. T. H. Sledge.

1:45-2. Assignment of a Lesson. Mr. Tanner.

2-3. Discussion of Observation:

(1) Mr. Beam's Grammar Lesson.

(2) Miss Jackson's Primary Work.

INGLESIDE, DEC. 10TH.

Schools represented: Ingleside, Winn, Whitaker, Kearney's, Hayes, Moulton.

NEW HOPE, DEC. 12TH.

Schools represented: New Hope, Math Rock, Riley, Royal.

At Ingleside and New Hope similar programs were followed.

A Fine Chance.

Do you wish a free trip to Washington City on the occasion of Wilson's inauguration? If you do, write at once for particulars. Address inauguration department, News and Observer, Raleigh, N. C.

If you have a friend who would also like to take this trip and have a free ticket, send in his or her name right away.

School Farm Cotton.

News was received here yesterday that the Woman's Betterment Association of Bunn, sold the bale of cotton made by them for the association funds for 15 cents per pound. The cotton was bought by Mr. J. H. Weather and weighed 225 pounds. The women of Bunn are very energetic and industrious and deserve the commendation of the entire public.

THE MOVING PEOPLE

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere For Business or Pleasure.

Mr. D. F. McKinne returned home Friday.

Mr. K. P. Hill returned from a trip to the horse markets Friday.

Mr. F. B. McKlane went to Raleigh on business Friday.

Mr. J. W. Brown, of the H. F. Munt Meal Co., of Petersburg, Va., visited J. W. Hollingsworth the past week.

Lieut. W. W. Boddie, Mr. S. G. Boddie and Mrs. D. W. Spivey left the past week for Kingtree, S. C., where Lieut. Boddie was married on Wednesday.

Representative-elect J. A. Turner attended the annual banquet of the general agents of the Hartford Life Insurance Co., given at Columbia, S. C., Monday night.

School Attendance

The following table shows the enrollment and average daily attendance for the various schools for the week ending November 29th and also the amount contributed for the Aycock Memorial Fund:

Schools

Schools	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Aycock Memorial Fund
Pearse (Dunn's)	100	81	\$1.06
Pine Ridge	70	47	
Pilot	77	58	1.15
Social Plains	No Report		
Bunn	130	110	2.26
Math Rock	18	7	
Royal	32	20	
New Hope	57	37	1.82
Rock Springs	33	24	.69
Riley	50	37	2.80
Garner	25	19	
Oak Level	27	18	
Tharrington	19	16	1.75
Flat Rock	29	26	1.00
Popes	No Report		
Mitchiner	21	16	
Katesville	25	17	
Winn	49		
Whitaker	29	19	
Laurel	14	7	
Moulton	36	14	1.00
Ingleside	85	65	2.48
Kearney	27	18	1.25
Mountain	28	17	.50
Alston	No Report		
Centerville	25	23	1.00
Wood	57	28	.56
Sandy Creek	94	47	.80
Pearce (Gold Mine)	19	16	
Bab Rock	No Report		
Cedar Rock	88	64	1.10
Red Bud	No Report		
White Level	75	71	.40
Justice	74	60	1.25
Seven Paths	79	59	1.35
Mapleville	69	52	5.18
Hickory Rock	32	25	1.00
Hayes	26	24	1.00
Total			\$31.31

At the Methodist Church.

The choir at the Methodist church will present a full musical program for the Christmas services next Sunday morning. This is an excellent choir and something fine is expected Sunday. There will also be a good musical program for the evening services. The pastor will preach a Christmas sermon in the morning and a sermon to young people at the night service.

Christmas Exercises at the College.

The College Sunday school, assisted by the young men's Bible class, held a Christmas service at the College last Sunday afternoon. The chapel was appropriately and beautifully decorated for the occasion in holly, silver and myriads of candles, whose soft glow seemed to radiate the real significance of Christmas fer, in spite of the large number of young people present, it seemed no time for merriment. They had assembled for something better. The songs they sang heralded the birth of the King whose presence inspired something too sacred and holy for the common place.

The program was interesting and well rendered. The readings of Misses Green and Kerr, the former from Ben Hur, the latter from an incident in the life of the late Governor "Bob Taylor" of Tennessee, were in keeping with the spirit of Christmas, and the music

was as inspiring as it was beautiful. The following program was carried out:

Behold the King Cometh
..... 209—Hymnal
Prayer..... Rev. W. M. Gilmore
Down the Ages Afar..... 221—Hymnal
The Messianic Prophecies Responsive Reading..... Leaflet
The Christmas Story..... 3 Leaflet
Scripture Lesson, The King's Birth..... Rev. A. D. Wilcox
Silent Night..... 1 Leaflet
The Star and the Shepherds, Adapted from Ben Hur..... Miss Green
The Song of Songs..... 14—Leaflet
The Fiddle Told, A Reading..... Miss Kerr
Through the Bright Heavens..... 212—Hymnal
Offering for the Poor.
"For the poor ye have with you always."
Christmas Joy Bells..... 17—Leaflet
Benediction..... Rev. A. D. Wilcox

Louisburg Baptist Church.

Public worship Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 9:45 and B. Y. P. U. Monday 7 p. m. The pastor will preach Sunday morning on "The Government on His Shoulder;" at night, "What are You Going to Do With Yourself?" The Sunday School will have a Christmas tree one night next week. Definite announcement will be made Sunday. You are cordially invited to all of these services.

Box Party.

Mr. J. H. Mitchell informs us there will be a box party at Royal Academy on next Friday night, December 27th, 1912, for the benefit of Leah's church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Fpsom Items

Miss Bessie Lee Brewer and Mr. Simon Dickerson were married at the home of the bride here Sunday afternoon, Rev. G. W. Coppedge performing the ceremony.

The wedding music was rendered by the Holmes string band in a way which made it an alluring feature of the ceremony. The bride wore a go-away gown of dark blue cloth with hat to match.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. C. C. Brewer of this place. The groom is the son of Mr. Henry Dickerson of Franklin county.

Following the wedding the young couple left immediately for Nash county where they will spend their honeymoon with friends and relatives.

Hookworm Campaign.

The hookworm campaign which has been in progress for the past five weeks closed Saturday, Dec. 14. During that time 1,731 people were examined and 428 were found infected with hookworms giving a general average of 25 per cent in round numbers.

There were 795 children examined between the ages of five and nineteen and 294 were infected, giving a percentage slightly over 37.

The total number of people examined was not as large as it should have been, the greater majority having been examined during the last two weeks however.

Dr. Jacobs left Sunday for Little Rock, Ark., for a general conference of representatives of the hookworm commission in the various Southern States.

New Fixtures.

Wilkins & Stegall, popular Louisburg hardware, have put in a nice lot of new fixtures in their shop on Court street, and have otherwise improved the inside appearance. Among these are the hydraulic chairs and an excellent, large mirrored wall stand. When their shop is completed they will have one of the prettiest and most convenient in this section of the State.

A Letter of Thanks.

Below we publish a letter of thanks from Rev. R. W. Bailey which will carry with it its own explanation: DEAR BROTHERS JOHNSON:

Please let me tell you as near as I can in words, how deeply we appreciate the magnificent gift of a horse and buggy which you and others so generously presented us a few days ago. It was, indeed, a beautiful thing. And with the other, and many, acts of kindness which the Louisburg people have from time to time shown us, put you down in our estimation as among the very kindest people we know. We thank you, and all Heaven's richest blessings upon you.

Yours Sincerely,

R. W. BAILEY.