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SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION EPSOM DISTRICT

Rev. J. H. Harper Elected Superintendent Bridge Construction—Many Reports—To Provide Place for Waiting Insane.

The Board of County Commissioners met on Monday with all members present except Timberlake. After prayer by Rev. G. F. Smith, and reading and approving minutes of the previous meeting business as follows was transacted:

Miss Pauline Smith was before the Board and read her report, which was ordered filed. Upon motion of Hudson and seconded by Fuller a vote of congratulation was extended Miss Smith.

In response to the advertisement for a bridge foreman a number of gentlemen were before the Board. Upon consideration of the application of each the Board employed Rev. J. H. Harper, of Laurel.

Upon motion of Hudson a petition for a special school election in Hayesville township, was received. The election was granted for March 14th, 1921. R. L. Stokes was appointed registrar and N. H. Ayescue and B. R. Eaves were appointed poll holders.

Report of Dr. J. E. Malone, Health Officer, was received and filed.

Report of J. J. Holden, Superintendent of County Home, was received and filed. He reports on roll nine white and twelve colored inmates.

The Board of Education met with the Commissioners on the question of the salary of the Welfare Officer, which was stated by Chairman Joyner. After discussion no action was taken.

H. Malone was before the Board in the interest of a ten thousand dollar bond for schools for the Board of Education.

The question of changing the funds for roads and schools in Franklin township was reopened and reconsidered. It appearing that the respective Boards in that township have the power of electing their own treasurers, a motion by Hudson prevailed asking the two Boards to hold a joint meeting and divide the funds, between the two banks.

Upon motion the Bunn Banking Co. was requested and required to turn over to the National Park Bank, township road funds to take up coupons on road bonds for that township.

Dr. J. E. Malone was before the Board asking that an appropriation of a place be provided to take care of insane persons waiting awaiting entrance to the Hospital. On motion of Hudson, Joyner, Wilder and Dr. J. E. Malone were appointed a committee to investigate and see if they can provide a place.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to meet a gain on Tuesday.

The Board met according to adjournment with all present except Fuller and Timberlake.

The Committee reported on the advisability of selling a piece of the County property near the river. A motion prevailed instructing the Finance Committee to take the matter over and make the sale in accordance with the report, and their best judgment.

On motion of Hudson and seconded by Wilder, J. C. Tucker was appointed a member of the Louisville Township Road Trustees to succeed Sen. F. B. McKinne to take effect immediately.

No other business before the Board it adjourned to its next regular meeting.

RETURNS TO LOUISBURG

A. S. Wiggs Purchases Stock of Goods of R. H. Strickland.

Mr. A. S. Wiggs, who left Louisville about the first of October for Cary where he was engaged in general merchandising, has returned to Louisville and purchased the stock of goods of Mr. R. H. Strickland and begun business again in Louisville. The transfer was made on Friday and Mr. Wiggs, through an advertisement in another column, is inviting his friends to pay him a visit at his new place of business.

YOUNG WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Young Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met Monday night, February 7th, with Mrs. House. The Bible lesson read by Mrs. Mortimer Pleasant was the story of the Good Samaritan, which seemed very fitting as the lesson for the evening was Mexico. The society first discussed the present situation of the society told of the work of our Missionaries in Mexico. The work of our church in Cuba was then told.

After the lesson coffee and sandwiches were served. The society will meet on Tuesday, February 15th, at the church.

A Shopper's Bull. Relating her experiences in purchasing presents for Christmas, our next-door neighbor said: I simply couldn't get into Blank & Blank's on account of the crush—and getting out was worse.—Boston Transcript.

MAKES GOOD SHOWING.

The following figures given us by Supt. Hill of the Light and Water Plant of Louisville, makes quite a good showing for the electric plant. The salary of the Superintendent and possibly a few other minor items have not been entered in this table as they are to be divided among the water and light funds.

Mr. Hill informs us that there is hardly any question but that the plant will pay in a profit of a thousand dollars a month the year through. The figures follow:

Table with financial data: Cost of Operation Light, Revenue Light Plant, Current for Lighting Town, Less Expenses, Total Profit.

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, James post of the AMERICAN LEGION has secured a lease on the Opera House in the Town of Louisville, N. C., for the period of one year, to be used as a home for the legion, where they might hold their meetings, put on concerts, entertain their friends, etc., said lease being executed by the Mayor under written directions signed by five of the six members of the board of Town Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, a question has been raised as to the authority of the town commissioners to lease the opera house for said purposes,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the committee who acted for the Legion in negotiating the lease above mentioned, be, and the chairman of said committee is hereby authorized and directed to cancel said lease on the records in the office of the register of deeds of "Franklin County, and to surrender the original thereof, and return the same to the Mayor, together with the keys to the said Opera House.

THAT the members of the post as a body extend to the Mayor, and their friends on the board of Town Commissioners, the sincere thanks of the Legion for their courteous treatment and express their profoundest gratitude to them for their kind intentions, and assure them that the Post gladly relinquishes any right they may have acquired under said contract, rather than cause them the least embarrassment in the matter.

THAT the membership being composed of ladies as well as gentlemen, and it being the intention and purpose of the post to operate a club room that any lady might not hesitate to visit at any time, be it FURTHER Resolved that each member individually, and the membership as a body, hereby RESENTS with all its power and strength any insinuation that may have been made by any person, tending to discredit the high plane of decency and refinement which the post is attempting to establish.

AND Be it Further Resolved and directed that copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of Louisville; The Franklin Times, and a copy filed in the office of the Post Adjutant.

RECITAL AT COLLEGE.

On Friday night, February 7th, Miss Rosalia Adams, Director of Music at Louisville College presented a number of her younger pupils in an interesting and unique recital.

An appreciative audience was in attendance and the young people gracefully responded to many requests.

The following program was splendidly rendered:

- Duet—Learning to Waltz—Missa-T. Perry and Virginia Beck. Solo—Jumping Jack—Smith—Hattie Williams. Solo—The Black Bird—Read—Kathryn Perry. Solo—March—Frederiksen—Virginia Beck. Song—The Week Song—Bilbro—Hattie Williams. Tempie Williams at the Piano. Solo—Youthful Brigade—Spaulding—T. Perry. Song—(a) I Wonder If ever the Rose Slated. (b) Scullin Through—Penn—Eugenia MacRae. Solo—The Music Box—Poldini—Belvin Finch. Solo—Sunbeams—Zucca—Lola Lee Troy. Reading—Hark, I Hear a Whisper—Hart—Martha Tilghman Smith. Solo—La Gallie—Wollenhaupt—Glandora Hardison. Solo—Flying Leaves—Kolling—Tempie Williams.

Knows His Habits. If a man were murdered and hidden in his liquor cellar nobody would know where to look for him.

Some men might be disposed of that way, but I'm not one of them, said Mr. Bibbles. If I were missing for any length of time that would be the first place Mrs. Bibbles would look for me.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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MR. NEWELL STATES HIS POSITION.

Mr. Editor:—Your comment upon the figures submitted by me to the Mass Meeting held at the Courthouse Saturday, Jan. 25th, showing the amount of taxes collected in 1919 and the amount to be collected for 1920 insinuates that I was making an attack upon the Democratic party. Such comment is liable to create a false impression. I had no such idea and made no such reference. The revaluation has never been and is not now a political issue and I made no reference to it as such. Neither did I impute any misconduct of the officials.

The figures I used were these: in 1919 the total real estate value for Franklin County was \$4,565,461 and personal property for the same year was \$4,565,468 upon which basis real estate paid substantially one-half the taxes and personal property the other half. Whereas in 1920 the total real estate value (under the revaluation) \$17,216,954 and the personal property \$5,413,736 upon which basis real estate is paying a fraction over 76 per cent of the taxes and personal property a little less than 24 per cent. These figures were used simply to show that the burden of taxation has been heavily laid on real estate and proportionately lightened on personal property.

I charged no impure motive to any official; but stated that the high values placed upon real estate by revaluation were due to the fact that the revaluation was made at a time of abnormally high prices and was not a real but fictitious value and should now be reduced to a fair value in order that both real and personal property should bear its fair and just proportionate part of the burden of taxation.

The above figures were used only with reference to the county and state taxes and not to the specials.

As some are of the opinion that you made an unjust criticism of my position I trust that you will publish this to set the matter straight.

Very truly yours, S. A. NEWELL.

LETTER FROM OKLAHOMA.

The following letter will be read with much interest by many in Franklin County:

Dear Mr. Editor:—I will ask you for a space in your paper, as I have not time to write to all of my friends privately.

I am now in the very extreme western part of Oklahoma. I came here the 9th of Sept., 1920, and liking fine before I came here I always thought Oklahoma was a dry and barren country, but I find it is all a mistake for they have plenty of rain and crops were fine last year. And had have a very pleasant winter so far, very little snow and ice.

Oklahoma produces various crops such as cotton, wheat, oats, maize and kaffir corn, fetretia, and corn, lots of other things. Everything growing on vines does well such as grape, watermelons, sweet potatoes and a lot of others, and the beauty of it is they don't have to use any fertilizer to produce crops.

I am now reading the Franklin Times regular, I saw in this weeks paper the Wood, N. C. Items, and I notice Miss Pearl Gupton, of Wood, N. C. won the prize of being the prettiest girl at the tacky party. I want to congratulate the judges on their decision as I think they made a good one.

I would like to have a letter from all of my friends who wish to write.

From GRAHAM STRICKLAND, Erick, Oklahoma. R. F. D. 2, Box 16.

BEFORE JOINT COMMITTEES.

The committee appointed to go to Raleigh and present the resolutions adopted at the mass meeting held at the Courthouse in Louisville, Jan. 29th, went to Raleigh on Tuesday February 8th and met, by appointment, the joint committees of the House and Senate, on finance, which has the revaluation matter under consideration. The meeting with the committee was very encouraging and we have reason to believe that the legislature will grant some substantial relief to the landowners of the State. The writer of this had some good assurance that the \$300.00 personal property exemption would be repealed, and that there would be some plan adopted looking to the reduction of real estate values.

The Farmers Alliance was there several hundred strong, with representatives from all sections of the State with resolutions practically the same as ours, asking for the repeal of the \$300.00 exemption and a cut of something like 50 per cent on the real estate values.

We are of the opinion that the legislature realizes that something must be done with the revaluation and we look for a satisfactory adjustment of the matter.

S. A. NEWELL, Sec'y. of the Committee.

NEGRO MISTREL.

The Mountain-Hayes School will give a Negro Mistrel Friday, Feb. 11th, beginning at 7:30. Admission fifteen and twenty-five cents. Come one and all. Proceeds will be used for the school.

TOO BUSY WITH OTHER THINGS TO HANG NEGRO

Louisiana Sheriff in Quandary and Writes Governor for Instructions.

Baton Rouge, La., Feb. 8.—Because he was too busy with "criminal and civil matters," T. A. Grant, sheriff of Ouchita parish failed to hang Lonnie Eaton, negro of Ouchita convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged February 4.

The information that the sheriff had failed to hang Lonnie Eaton came to Governor Parker this morning in a letter from the sheriff, who said that he had been so busy on February 4, the date which the governor had set for the execution, that the fact the negro was to be hanged "completely escaped his mind."

The sheriff now appeals to the governor to know just what to do with the negro, and the governor has put the problem up to Attorney General Cocco.

AGAINST RAISE IN SALARIES.

Mr. Editor:—Will you let me have space enough in your paper to ask the people of Franklin County if in a time like this when everything has come and is still coming down would it be wise for me to pay labor more this year than I paid last year or any year before last year? I am sure when you read this you will say that fellow lost his mind or what is the matter with him?

Now if you had ten men employed at \$2.00 per day and there was one hundred men just as good that wanted the job at the same price would you be in your right mind to pay these ten men \$3.00 per day? I am sure you would not for it would not be to your business.

If our people don't watch their business better than they are doing our children will in time to come be under some other people.

These debts that have been and are being put on the people will certainly have to be paid some day or the country will belong to some other source.

Now this is the way I see it, I may be wrong but it looks like it to me. I am a democrat, always have been, but I will tell the people of our county I never have heard the people talking just as they are now in regard to raising and high taxes. We have heard of other countries being taxed until it became a burden on them and as I see it now and many others it has got to us now. Have you stopped a moment to think that there is scores of people who have not paid their store account and grocery bills? Now how can the people pay when it takes money to do it with yet raising salaries. I hope it will be so the people can pay their taxes together with their other accounts but another crop has got to be grown and it will have to do better than this one has in price.

Well I hope it will work out for the best for all. Amen.

H. C. DICKERSON.

RECITAL AT COLLEGE.

The faculty of Louisville College has announced a recital by the special departments—piano, voice, violin and expression—to be given in the College Chapel on Friday night, February 18th, 1921, to which the entire public is invited. The recitals that have been given this season at the College have been of an especially high order and it is safe to say that all who attend will be greatly pleased.

DO YOUR BEST.

We know the mocking bird is starring as music leader of the day. But see no sign it is debarring. What common sparrows try to play.

We have heard such oratory Pins would thunder when they fell Yet the barber in his glory Persists in what he has to tell.

Old Bill Shakespeare was a dandy And nations praise the things he wrote His themes and rhymes were always handy But did not get Walt Mason's goat.

They say goose quills and garrets feature. And poets live on pauper row So, I'm in luck. I am the creature On which these kind of feathers grow

I'm glad by this complete equipment With nerve I wrote a verse or two And to the Times consigned a shipment Which did not bring me in a sou.

But Johnson is the best of fellows And full of sympathy I know My verses are not best of sellers And the sales are very slow.

I'm not the first to be defeated Or built a castle on the sand Others have been self conceited Trying out the speakers stand.

One speaker staid an execution And said he would address the crowd The victims with firm resolution Said bring the black cap and the shroud.

We have heard your oratory For the past few years or so And prefer Hades or Glory Pull the switch and let us go.

—Village Blacksmith.

NATIONAL READING CIRCLE.

Washington (Special)—Citizens of North Carolina who have enrolled in the National Reading Circle of the Bureau of Education, or those who contemplate the reading of one or

more of the sixteen Home Reading Courses issued by the Bureau, will be interested to know that a plan of co-operation has been perfected and adopted by the Federal Bureau of Education and state educational officials of North Carolina.

The Bureau of Extension of the North Carolina State University has now entered into co-operation with the Bureau of Education and with the approval of the State Superintendent of Education the work in North Carolina will be carried on by Chester D. Snell, Assistant Director of Extension at the University, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

In future, certificates awarded to those completing any of the courses of the Home Education Division will be signed by the U. S. Commissioner of Education, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and a representative of the extension department of the University.

Readers living in North Carolina are requested to send all papers and letters to Chester D. Snell, Assistant Director, Bureau of Extension, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C., who will keep the Bureau of Education informed of the progress of the various readers.

Members of the National Reading Circle of the Bureau of Education include men and women of all professions, boys and girls, and ambitious workers who agree that "Books are tools, and we should use them to do the world's work in a better way."

The first national program of home education to be adopted in the United States was formulated by the present Commissioner of Education in 1913, and today the National Reading Circle includes members in every State in the Union, Hawaii, Alaska, Canal Zone, Porto Rico, Philippine Islands, India, China, and other countries in which Americans have installed their Lathes and Penates.

The National Reading Circle was formed to answer the needs of old and young who had long desired some guide in their reading, and who needed some inspiration to continue a course after having commenced it. Such inspiration is provided in the awarding of a certificate signed by the Commissioner of Education, which is given to each person who offers satisfactory evidence of having read the required books in any course.

The courses already issued by the Bureau include courses in literature, history and biography, home-making and child care, and such vocational courses as machine shop work, shipbuilding, iron and steel and navigation. Co-operating committees of specialists in literature and history as well as individual specialists were appointed to assist the Bureau of Education in the preparation of the home reading courses. Four vocational reading courses were prepared with the co-operation of the Publishing Board of the American Library Association, assisted by specialists in vocational subjects.

The Home Reading Courses published by the Bureau of Education, all of which are available upon request, include: 1. The World's Great Literary Biographies. 2. Great Literature—Ancient, Medieval, and Modern. 3. Reading Course for Parents. 4. Miscellaneous Course for Boys. 5. Miscellaneous Course for Girls. 6. Thirty Books of Great Fiction. 7. Thirty World Heroes. 8. American Literature. 9. Thirty American Heroes. 10. American History. 11. France and Her History. 12. Heroes of American Democracy.

Vocational Courses. 13. The Call of Blue Waters—Seaman ship and Marine Engineering. 14. Iron and Steel. 15. Shipbuilding. 16. Machine-Shop Work.

Books listed in the various courses may be purchased from publishers or borrowed from libraries. The Bureau of Education does not furnish or lend books.

CONDITIONS RETAIL TRADE APPROACHING NORMAL, SAYS HALLE

New York, Feb. 9.—Business conditions in the retail trade are rapidly approaching normal and are daily improving, Salmon P. Halle of Cleveland, Ohio, president of the National Retail Dry Goods Association, told members of that organization assembled here today in its tenth annual convention.

"Business will be normal when we begin to think and act normally," he added. "That lies within yourselves." "During the past six years the world has been going through an era of increasing wastefulness and extravagance which has been suddenly checked and it is difficult for the human mind to immediately adjust itself to present day conditions."

"We have all prided ourselves on our wonderful ability to manage business during this period, but the test is here and it will be the survival of the fittest from now on."

Foolish Question No. 8,427. No, Roger, we should not call it a case of heredity when a hard-headed business man has a bonehead son.—Boston Transcript.

PERSONALS.

Mr. J. W. Mann visited Nashville Tuesday.

Mr. G. A. Ricks visited Rocky Mount Tuesday.

Sen. F. B. McKinne spent Sunday and a part of Monday at home.

Messrs. S. A. Newell, C. P. Harris and C. B. Kearney went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Gov. T. W. Bickett spent Thursday and Friday of this week with Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Yarborough.

Sheriff H. A. Kearney returned Monday from Durham, where he took Will Foster into custody and brought him back to Franklin County as being implicated in the shooting of Mr. Jeffreys in December.

MRS. R. C. BECK HOSTESS.

Mrs. R. C. Beck delightfully entertained the Tuesday Afternoon Book Club this week at her home on Church Street.

A large number of guests assembled to participate in the pleasure of this meeting.

The drawing room and the dining room thrown together, presented a lovely appearance, decorated with handsome ferns, potted plants and cut flowers. The program which followed was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. W. H. Furgurson read an informing paper on "Current Events."

The topic for the afternoon was "The Conflict Between the States and its Meaning to America."

Mrs. S. P. Boddie's paper on "Lincoln" was a cleverly drawn biographical and character sketch, touching upon the pathos and the humor, as well, in the life of this great American.

Mrs. M. S. Clifton's paper "The End of Sectionalism" was a beautiful treatise on the Spirit of Americanism among the Southern people.

An enjoyable number of the program was the piano duet by little Miss Virginia Beck and Sallie Taylor Perry.

The closing number Cadman's, "At Dawning" a vocal trio sung by Mrs. E. S. Ford, Mrs. W. E. White and Miss Sallie Williams, was beautiful. A most delicious hot luncheon was then served.

GIVE HENS MORE LIGHT AND GET MORE EGGS. SAYS DR. B. F. KAUPP

Lay eggs write the light shines," is the slogan apparently adopted by 30 pen of 30 Rhode Island hens at the State College poultry plant, according to Dr. B. F. Waupp, who has just completed an experiment with artificial light extending over a period of one year.

Two flocks of thirty hens each were given the same amount of feedstuff and identical care and attention. One pen was lighted with a 120 watt electric light from sundown until about 9:30 p. m., or long enough to give the hens fifteen hours of light in which to work. The other pen was not lighted, the hens being kept under natural conditions.

The flock given fifteen hours of light, day and artificial laid 147 eggs per hen. The other flock averaged 104 eggs. The greatest gain occurred during November, December, January and February, the season when eggs are scarce and high. During this period sixty per cent of the flock under light laid regularly, while only ten per cent of the flock under natural conditions produced.

While the results of Dr. Kaupp's experiments will be hailed with joy by poultry raisers and millions of consumers may rise up to call him blessed, the jokemasters will no doubt learn about the explosion of their most ancient joke with considerable dismay.

Since the day Adam ate the apple, a favorite yarn on the minstrel stage has been about the farmer, who fooled his hens into laying twice a day by keeping a light burning in his hen house at night.

YALE BEATS CAROLINA IN SPECTACULAR FINISH 32 TO 30

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 8.—In a very close and exciting game North Carolina lost to Yale tonight 32 to 30. As she has done in five of her last seven starts Carolina was leading at the end of the first half, the score being 17 to 16. By clever passing and good floor work, the Carolina boys maintained the lead throughout the first half.

With two minutes to play in the last half and the score 29 to 26 for Carolina, Siefert, who had played a great game at center, took a nasty fall and sprained his ankle. This took the heart from the Carolina boys. In the face of defeat and before those beautiful girls attending the junior Prom, Yale staged a great comeback two goals in rapid succession by Cohen tying the score. A shot from the corner by Baltzer in the last 15 seconds of play won the game for Yale.

Evening Up.

Did the laundryman find those cuffs he lost last week? No, John.

The shirts are no good to me without the cuffs. Evidently he figured it that way, too. This week he lost the shirts.