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## CHATHAM'S SCHOOL FUND.

Budget for Coming Session Will Exceed Hundred Thousand.

The county board of education has asked for \$112,550.82 to operate the schools in Chatham county during the next session of 1923-24.

The salary fund for the six months is \$95,312.82. The apportionment to Chatham from the State Equalizing fund is \$28,560.90. The balance of the fund will be raised by taxation.

The amount of expenses of the county board, fuel and expenses of all the county schools, for building and repairing school houses, for buying and pairing trucks, for repaying loans to the State, and all other necessary expenses of the school in Chatham is \$17,248.

About \$8,000 of this amount will be raised by dog tax, poll tax, fines, forfeitures, etc., leaving a balance of \$9,248 to be raised by tax on property.

This leaves approximately \$75,999.92, the total amount to be raised by taxation.

These figures represent the total net fund to be raised by the county tax on property for schools for six months, schools continuing longer are paid for by local taxation. Therefore the total for Chatham for the next session is \$112,550.82.

This is the budget required by law to be made up by the county board of education and presented to the county commissioners for action in levying taxes for the year.

## BROWN'S CHAPEL NEWS.

Pittsboro, Rt. 2, July 14.—Last Saturday was a great day at Brown's Chapel, as an interdenominational Sunday school convention was held there at 11 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by President C. H. Lutterloh; Mr. J. T. Mann conducting the devotional exercises. An address of welcome by H. F. Durham, of Brown's Chapel. Response E. J. Clark of Emmaus. An able address by Rev. R. R. Gordon, pastor of Pittsboro and Emmaus, songs intermingled. Then came the dinner hours and a grand sight it was to stand at one end and watch the good women of various churches spread their most delicious cooking of all kinds of goodies. I have seen bees working but never any busier than the people were around this 45 foot table, and very wide, 47 cakes were counted. Quite a small crowd from Brown's Chapel but all seemed to greatly enjoy it.

After dinner led by Mr. R. G. Ellington, of Emmaus, the singers of various churches joined together in good old fashioned songs.

Rev. J. J. Boone made an address Mr. H. G. Self, of Saplin Ridge, also made a fine address. After these some short talks by I. W. Durham and C. N. Justice that were good. All that failed to attend missed what ought to help us Sunday school workers.

Mr. R. G. Cheek and family, of Carrboro, spent the week-end at Mr. J. T. Mann's.

Miss Annie Mann, of Bonlee Summer School, spent the week-end at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Mann.

Mrs. I. N. Ray and children, of Carrboro, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Durham.

Mr. William Cole and family, of near Chapel Hill, spent Sunday with his son, N. R. Cole.

W. W. Lutterloh and wife spent Sunday evening at his brother's, C. H. Lutterloh's.

A truck load of young people went to H. F. Durham's last Saturday afternoon to see the 740 baby chicks, also some other went. Mr. H. L. Stanton, of Raleigh, and his associate of the rehabilitation school, had an interview with Mr. Durham last week and suggested he try poultry raising and that they would give him a course on the general poultry line.

Last Sunday Rev. J. J. Boone preached a sermon on the subject of "Heaven." After which communion services were held.

Mr. J. H. Dark was at Chapel Saturday for first time this year. Mrs. Dark is about the same—still shut in at home.

## TRUST A TRAP.

You can always depend upon a trap to do the work expected. Last fall Mr. C. R. Cotten, of Truth, set a steel trap in his wheat field and last week it was noticed that the trap was gone. A day or two later Master J. H. Cotten while at the spring noticed something fly from the ground and it proved to be an owl. The young man slipped to the house and got his gun and shot the owl. The chain to the trap was wound around the tree and it was necessary to climb and get it down. The owl measured 56 inches from tip to tip.

## A GOOD LIST OF FRIENDS.

The following good people have subscribed for the paper since our last issue: N. E. Thompson, Dr. C. R. Sears, A. E. Ferguson, Eli Bray, D. H. Hart, W. White, J. C. Hatley, Rev. R. E. Clark, Joe J. Hatley, Jesse Dark, D. E. Boone, A. D. Riddle, C. F. Dean, D. C. Roberts, T. H. Buchanan, J. R. Goodwin, W. D. Cotner, G. G. Ward, Walter Thomas, M. Maddox, F. A. Sanders, J. S. Wrenn, G. W. Perry, Mrs. R. E. McIver, Fred W. Bynum, Clara Lee Johnson, W. R. Crawford, E. B. Jones and R. H. Abernathy.

## S. S. CONVENTION AT HANKS.

Pennant to Be Given to Sunday School Most Largely Represented.

One feature of the approaching Chatham County Sunday School Convention at Hanks Chapel Christian church, three miles east of Pittsboro, Saturday and Sunday, July 28 and 29, will be the presentation of a beautiful pennant, 18x36 inches, to the Sunday school having present the largest number of representatives over sixteen years of age, according to the number of miles traveled. The number of representatives from a given Sunday school will be multiplied by number of miles from that church to the convention church and the school having the largest total will receive the pennant. The Sunday school with which the convention is held and any other school within one mile will not compete for the pennant.

There will be a roll call of township, when a record will be made of the number of Sunday schools represented from each township, as well as the number from each school, and the number of pastors, superintendents and teachers present.

The county and township Sunday school association officers who are promoting plans for the Convention are: County President, Mr. C. E. Duncan; County Secretary, Mrs. Henry I. Stone; Township Presidents: Jas. Pike, M. M. Cox, G. C. Phillips, C. W. Womble, A. C. Ray, M. H. Woody, N. J. Dark, S. W. Willette.

These officers are requesting the cooperation of all pastors, superintendents and other Sunday school leaders in the effort to make the convention a success.

The two out-of-county speakers on the convention program will be Mr. D. W. Sims, general superintendent of North Carolina Sunday School Association, and Miss Flora Davis, Assistant Superintendent. Both Mr. Sims and Miss Davis are well trained and experienced Sunday school workers. With these two outside speakers and the splendid local talent, the county officers feel that an interesting program is assured.

## SPECIAL SESSION EXPECTED.

General Assembly Failed to Make Appropriation for Prison.

Possibility of a special session of the General Assembly for an entirely unexpected purpose, loomed up yesterday when it was announced that a member of the staff of the State Auditor had discovered that the 1923 General Assembly while placing the State Prison on an appropriation basis, failed to make any appropriation to cover maintenance of the institution.

Those State officials who would speculate on the possibility last night ranged in expression from assurance that nothing save an act of the legislature can cure the defect to equal assurance that the bill, which required an appropriation to function, failed of itself when the appropriation was not furnished.

Attorney General J. E. Manning was out of town last night and Assistant Attorney General Frank Nash could not be reached. The Governor, it is understood, leaned toward the belief that a special session would be necessary.

"It was a plain case of oversight that no appropriation was made for the Prison, but I am unable to fix the responsibility until I have time to examine the records of my committee in Raleigh," declared Walter Murphy, chairman of the joint appropriations committee over the telephone last night.

"I recall distinctly that the bill was initiated by the committee of One Hundred of which I am a member and I also recall that the bill was discussed before my committee in the General Assembly and passed unanimously," said Mr. Murphy tonight.

"I was under the impression that Mr. Pou had the bill passed and I can not understand why no bill was introduced making the appropriation or why this institution was not included in the general appropriation bill, unless it was due to the fact that the bill appears to have passed during the rush of the last days of the session."

"I think a special session will be necessary unless members of the Council of State and the directors of the prison will become responsible for the necessary funds," he concluded.

## BASEBALL.

Pittsboro went to Fuquay Springs last Saturday to play the ball team of that place. A large crowd was in attendance to watch Pittsboro win from Fuquay, which they did to the tune of 7 to 9. The feature of the game was the hitting of the two Williams boys—Ben and Herbert.

Fuquay will come to Pittsboro next Thursday, July 26, to play team here. Let's give them a rousing reception. Remember Pittsboro has lost only two games this season. Our boys will need your encouragement as the Fuquay aggregation is coming here to win the game—if they can.

The Siler City ball team leaves today for Albemarle where they play two days.

## All Asked to Attend.

We are requested to say that the church grounds and the cemetery at Gum Springs Baptist church will be cleaned off on Friday, July 27th. Everyone in the community and anyone who may wish to do so are asked to be present and assist in the work.

## LOOK AT YOUR LABEL

## FINE WATER SYSTEM.

The Commissioners Have Installed a New Pumping Station.

The county commissioners have installed in the court house a fine water system, not only for the county officers and citizens generally, but in case of fire to the court house and jail and nearby buildings.

Out at the pumphouse in the rear of the court house a big tank that will hold 10,000 gallons of water, has been placed near the pump and is connected with pipes from the pump. An electric motor does the work at the pump, the old hand pump having been done away with. A guage on the big tank tells how much pressure there is. The pressure, as it stands now, is about 40 pounds to the inch, but if a stronger pressure is needed, a screw is turned and in a few minutes 200 pounds can be raised, which with hose attached, will throw water over the tallest building in Pittsboro. In other words, the new pump and tank is a regular fire fighter as well as furnishing water for the court house.

New pipes have been run all over the building for the use of closets and drinking purposes. Down in the hallway of the court house is a receptacle for drinking water. On the inside is a place for the ice and it requires only a few pounds of ice daily to keep the water cool which is a saving of ice in itself. When you want a drink of water you turn a screw and the water spurts out a few inches above drinker putting his mouth down and gets his fill of water without touching his lips to anything.

The county commissioners deserve the thanks of the people of the county, many of them having business to attend to in the court house, and the people of Pittsboro especially, because when several hundred feet of hose are attached to this tank it gives the town a protection from fire.

## NEW HILL NEWS.

New Hill, Rt. 2, July 16.—Lightning struck the home of Mr. Sexton Sauls Friday afternoon. Part of the brick were knocked off the chimney. Mr. R. F. Sturdivant's dog was under the house beside the chimney and was instantly killed. Mrs. Floy Sauls was burned, her clothing catching fire, also the bed clothing on the bed where she was. It was some few hours before she recovered.

Misses Maggie Genter and Mary Olinger, of Sanford, were Sunday guests of Miss Blanche Holt.

Miss Mabel Mann spent last week with relatives in Durham.

Mrs. S. V. Holt, of Moncure, spent Sunday with Mrs. W. A. Drake. Mrs. Drake has been unable to attend church for a few weeks, but we were glad to see her at preaching Sunday.

Messrs. Simon Webster, of Durham, and Wm. Webster, of Apex, Rt. 4, were guests Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Addie Webster.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Beckwith, Mrs. J. C. Lasater, Misses Hilda Lasater and Mozelle Poe motored to Durham and Raleigh Wednesday.

Johnnie Gatlin, of Raleigh, spent a few days last week with his brother, Britt Gatlin.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Thomas and children, of Raleigh, spent a few days recently with relatives in this community.

Friday morning a dog with hydrophobia bit Mr. D. L. Thomas' bird dog and three young hounds belonging to Mr. Sam Thomas.

Miss Vava Drake, of Raleigh, is spending a few days with her parents.

Messrs. A. G. Mann, J. L. Goodwin and W. M. Goodwin were delegates to the Sunday school convention held at Catawba Springs last week. They were representing New Elam Christian Sunday school. It was decided that the convention meet in 1924 at New Elam.

Mrs. Luke Duke and Mrs. J. B. Beckwith are ill. We wish for them a speedy recovery.

## COMPROMISE KU KLUX CASE?

Rumor to This Effect is Current in Lumberton.

Lumberton, July 16.—If reports circulated throughout the court house and the town of Lumberton today are true, the Ku Klux Klan case, opening of which has been postponed until tomorrow, in which E. M. Lawson, chief of police of Fairmont, and Jule Brodgen and John Hedgepeth, of Proctorville, are charged with first degree burglary and kidnapping, arising from the alleged flogging last April of Mrs. Mary Watson and Mrs. Hattie Purvis, a plea of guilty will be made by the defendants and a compromise effected.

Counsel for the defense denies the report, however, as does the solicitor and private prosecution, all of whom are making arrangements for the hardest fought and longest legal battle in history of Robeson county. Each side has arrayed imposing legal forces. Upwards of 50 witnesses have been summoned.

H. H. Tallafarro, also alleged to be a member of the Ku Klux Klan, was recently arrested on charges involving alleged attempts to tamper with witnesses in the case.

The three men are alleged to have been members of a hooded band which broke into the home of Mrs. Hattie Purvis, of Proctorville, on the night of April 14, and took her and Mrs. Mary A. Wilson to a negro church yard near by where they were laid over a log and lashes applied to their bare flesh while their nakedness was exposed in the glare of flashlights.

That the actual flogging was done by Lawson, Mrs. Purvis testified at the preliminary hearing here.

## TAX RETURNS BEFORE JULY 31.

Capital Stock and Occupation Taxes Must Be Paid to Avoid Penalties.

To avoid penalty, returns and payment must be made on or before July 31, 1923, of the miscellaneous occupational taxes, the special tax on manufacturers' tax and the special tax on the use of boats, provided for by the Revenue Act of 1921, says Internal Revenue Collector from Raleigh.

Capital stock tax returns also must be made on or before July 31, payment being required on 10 days notice and demand by the collector.

The Revenue Act provides that "every domestic corporation shall pay annually a special excise tax with respect to carrying on or doing business equivalent to \$1 for each \$1,000 of so much of the fair average value of its capital stock for the preceding year ending June 30 as is in excess of \$5,000." In estimating the value of capital stock the surplus and undivided profits shall be included. Every foreign corporation shall pay annually a special excise tax with respect to carrying on or doing business in the United States, equivalent to \$1 for each \$1,000 of the average amount of capital employed in the transaction of its business in the United States during the preceding year ending June 30.

Every domestic corporation must make a return on Form 707 even though the law may indicate that it is exempt from tax. The question of exemption is one for determination by the commissioner of internal revenue.

A foreign corporation is "carrying on or doing business" in the United States if it maintains an agent, or an office or a warehouse in the United States, or in any other way enters the United States for the purposes of its business.

Following are the miscellaneous occupational taxes: brokers, \$50; pawnbrokers, \$100; ship brokers, \$50; customhouse brokers, \$50; proprietors of theaters, museums, and concert halls where a charge for admission is made having a seating capacity of not more than 250, shall pay a tax of \$50; having a seating capacity of more than 250 and not exceeding 500, \$100; having a seating capacity exceeding 500 and not exceeding 800, \$150; having a seating capacity of more than 800, \$200.

Persons carrying on the business of operating or renting passenger automobiles for hire are required to pay \$10 for each such automobile having a seating capacity of more than 2 and not more than 7, and \$20 for each automobile having a seating capacity of more than 7.

## DR. BRYAN PLEASURES AUDIENCE.

New Hill, July 16.—We considered ourselves fortunate in having Dr. Bun Bryan, a member of the faculty of Wake Forest college, and a former Chatham county man, to address us at Bonsal-New Hill school building on the evening of July 13.

Dr. Bryan is indeed an able speaker. He held his audience exceptionally well. In an unusually tactful manner he impressed the importance of an education to boy or girl and especially did he emphasize the importance of having a firm foundation upon which to build an education.

He illustrated this by the Woolworth building, of New York City. A building 57 stories high, whose foundation rests upon rock, for which the builders had to dig one hundred feet in the earth. This was especially timely, as the lack of a firm foundation seems to be the missing link in modern education, so to speak.

It was indeed a splendid address. Doubtless any audience would have shown the same interest, however, as Chatham county people, claim a larger appreciation of Dr. Bryan because we consider him one of Chatham's truly great sons.

## NEW HOPE WINS.

Merry Oaks, July 14.—New Hope added another victory when they trounced Hanks Chapel team 28 to 4. Dwight Webster, the New Hope pitching ace, was in perfect form after the first inning, and held the visitors at his mercy throughout the rest of the game. Hanks Chapel used three pitchers in order to stop the slugging. White started in the bix and fared badly for five innings. Farrell was called in and soon knocked out. Atwater finished the game. Jones made a sensational catch in left field in the first frame for New Hope. The fielding of the entire New Hope team was good.

## A FEW NEW DOCTORS.

The State Board of Examiners have granted license to ninety-three new doctors in North Carolina, sixty-five on written examination and twenty-eight by endorsement of credentials.

A total of one hundred and forty one applicants presented themselves during the session held in Raleigh. Allen R. Anderson, of Statesville, made the highest average on examination.

Those nearest us to secure license were Joseph Eugene Burns, of Goldston, and Oscar Sexton Goodwin, of Apex.

## London's Big Sale.

In another column in this paper will be found an advertisement in regard to W. L. London & Son's sale, beginning on Saturday, July 21. It is worth your time to read it.

## BUILD A HOME NOW!

## THE ROAD MEETING.

Quite a Representative Gathering Assembled at Court House Thursday

A meeting for the promotion of the interests of Chatham county and the other central counties of the State was held in the court house in Pittsboro last Thursday. The people of the county turned out en masse and this congregation was swelled by representative delegations from Durham, Orange, Lee and Granville counties. Many prominent men of this section of the State were present.

The primary object of the meeting was to forward the interest of Chatham in the hard-surfaced highway connecting Sanford and the counties to the north. Hon. W. P. Horton was presiding officer.

Mayor A. C. Ray, of Pittsboro, offered the address of welcome and pointed out that this route (No. 75) was the most direct in the linking of the north and south by highway.

Daniel L. Bell followed and suggested the organization of an association to assist in the fight for the preference of route 75 over route 50.

Sen. Jas. L. Griffin, of Pittsboro, stressed the point that Chatham had not a foot of hard-surface within her border and urged that she put up a fight for her just share of the \$65,000,000 to be expended on good roads in the State. Mr. Griffin's address was followed by a short talk by Mr. W. S. Roberson, mayor of Chapel Hill, in which he assured the people of this county that they had the full support of Orange.

Mr. E. D. Nall, a prominent business man of Sanford, emphasized the fact that route 75 would open up a way to the University of North Carolina for people from all parts of the State and expressed Lee county's hearty co-operation in the promotion of this route.

Dr. J. M. Manning, mayor of Durham, left the atmosphere filled with good humor that his wit brought to the audience. Dr. Manning is a native of Chatham and was delighted with his first trip here in 35 years and endorsed the views advocated by Messrs. Ray and Bell. He flayed the wire pulling politicians of Raleigh to a finish.

Judge A. W. Graham, of Oxford, stated that the people of Raleigh wanted route 50 or nothing and after asserting that the people of Chatham county were of a breed of fighters and the backbone of the "rightingest" State in the union, beseeched them to rally round the standard of route 75 and fight to the last ditch.

Hon. Walter D. Siler, former solicitor of the 4th judicial district, made an inspiring talk, lauding the county and pleading that the citizens of this vicinity put up the battle of their lives for the hard-surfaced highway that would open up to others this God's garden spot.

Mr. Daniel L. Bell presented the plan of an organization to be known as "Highway No. 75 Association." The plan was adopted and a committee consisting of E. D. Nall, W. S. Robinson, A. H. Powell, Jas. L. Griffin and M. E. Newsome, was appointed to make a report on the adopted plan.

While the committee was deliberating on the plan Mr. Siler suggested that Maj. McLendon, of Durham, make an informal address. He complied with an eloquent appeal for the construction of route 75 which, he stated, formed the only practical and logical route from the connection of the north and south by highway and at the same time offered the most economical and direct way.

The committee made its report favoring the forming of an organization to be known as "Highway No. 75 Association" with Daniel L. Bell as president, W. A. Crabtree, of Sanford, vice-president, and C. B. Griffin, of Chapel Hill, as secretary and treasurer. The report was unanimously adopted and the meeting was closed by the reading, by Mr. Bell, of the following resolutions:

"Be it resolved by the Highway No. 75 Association: First, That we do most heartily endorse and approve the proposition to build a hard-surfaced road from the northern limits of the town of Pittsboro to the Lee county line and thence to Sanford. "Second, That we do respectfully urge Hon. John Sprunt Hill, District Highway Commissioner, to let the contract for the construction of this highway immediately."

## Spent Day at Lakeview.

Pittsboro young folks had a big day at Lakeview Friday. Among those who enjoyed the trip from here were Misses Jennie Connell, Miriam Chapin, Emily Taylor, Pauline Taylor, Burwell Patterson, Corda Harmon, Elizabeth Chapin, Laura Barclay, Emily Thompson and Margaret Womble.

Messrs. June Peoples, Wm. Hunt, Henry May, Wilford Headen, of Siler City, Harry Norwood, E. G. Norwood and J. D. Edwards.

Chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Thompson and Mrs. Myers.

The party reached Pittsboro on their return about 1 o'clock after spending the day boat riding, bathing and dancing.

Services were held at the convict camp, near Roscoe, Sunday evening. Prayer and songs were led by I. W. Durham.

Courtships are said to be long in the Arctic where an Eskimo has to twist his tongue around "Univgsaertunafinajuarisguaejak" when he wishes to tell an Eskimiss that he loves her.—Springfield Union.

## BUILD A HOME NOW!

## SIX CASES TYPHOID FEVER.

Eleven Cases in Two Families—Warning is Given.

Raleigh, July 16.—Six cases of typhoid fever among the members of one family in Union county and five cases among the children of a Cleveland county family reported to the State Board of Health, has called forth a warning from the board that the typhoid season is just beginning, and that every precaution against this preventable disease should be taken during July, August and September, when illness from this cause reaches its peak.

In both instances of family epidemics the disease has attacked children. Union county family is one of negroes with the youngest of the sick children a baby of three years, and the eldest a boy of sixteen. The Cleveland county family is a white one with the youngest victim six years of age and the eldest 17 years.

Experience of the health officials has demonstrated that annually the typhoid rate, both case and death, rises with the warm weather and the increase of house flies, considered the greatest factor in the transmission of germs of typhoid and other intestinal diseases. Each year for the past ten years the typhoid rate has been consistently lowered in North Carolina until last year the total number of deaths for the first time since accurate statistics have been kept, dropped under 300, being 298.

## GUM SPRINGS HAPPENINGS.

Pittsboro, Rt. 2, July 17.—Mr. R. L. Hackney has returned home after spending a week with his sister, Mrs. F. K. King.

Mr. Lee Wright, of Carrboro, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. T. Wright.

Mrs. Mattie Ellington, of Durham, is on a visit to her son, J. R. Ellington.

Miss Elizabeth Wright spent a few days last week with relatives here.

Messrs. Dwight Ray and Hubert Wright, of Carrboro, were pleasant callers here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Carl Ellington spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Mattie Ellington.

Mrs. William Carter spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. E. C. Cheek.

Mr. Luther Mann and family visited at F. K. King's Sunday.

Mrs. Lorena Whitaker and sons spent Saturday and Sunday at Moncure visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ex. Campbell.

Mr. E. C. Cheek, of Carrboro, spent the week-end at home.

Mr. Romie G. Cheek visited his father, Mr. E. C. Cheek Sunday.

## SHATTUCKS ROAD WORKED.

Effort for Eight Months School at Moncure—Local.

Corinth, July 16.—We are very glad indeed to see what seems to be some real substantial work being done on the Shattucks Creek bottom road. Gravel and cinders six or eight inches deep is being used to top it with and should if carried out the bad places put this important road in good shape for the winter. This is good news for those who are to send children to Moncure school on the county creek this winter.

We have had a few good showers, plenty of wind and lightning, but oh this 100 in the shade heat that gets us.

Mr. W. H. Fields and family spent Sunday with relatives at Sanford.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Clark spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wilson at Broadway.

The rain Monday night drowned out the chautauqua meeting at Brickhaven. But this will be called later on.

Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Ellis, of Siler City, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Harrington.

Roy Buchanan, of Raleigh, was at home for over Sunday.

Miss Fannie Tutor, of Raleigh, visited relatives and friends at Corinth Sunday.

Now that the school truck from Truth, Corinth and Brickhaven to Moncure is a certainty let's all pull now for an 8-months school for the lower grades left at each of the above places. We can if we just think so.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Woodall, of Raleigh, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woodall.

The big boll weevil got his cotton and the hungry army worm got his corn so Vesta Dickens has moved into town where he can see the cars go by. He is "at home" in the house just vacated by A. E. Rollins.

Muskrats must be rather plentiful and exceedingly bold over in the flatwoods section. A. M. Cotten says he went out one day to scare them out of his corn. When they saw him coming each rat grabbed a stock of corn and made for the creek bank as Mr. Cotten closed in the rats dropped a few corn stocks across his path and caused him to trip and fall head long into the creek. Strange if true!

## Closes August 15.

On and after August 15th our offer for a Sanford fountain pen will come to an end. We have given many of these pens away and hope all those that want one will get busy and send in the \$6.00 in subscriptions and secure one before the close of the offer. The only condition is that they must be new subscriptions and can be for six months or a year, just so the total amount is \$6. The pen is a beauty and is well worth the effort it takes to get one.