

LETTER FROM SUPERINTENDENT JOYNER RELATIVE TO THE HIGH SCHOOLS

To the County Superintendent of Schools:

As you are aware, the Legislature of 1915 made several important changes in the Public High School Law. The principal changes made are indicated below. At this time I wish to call your attention to the new requirements and to suggest that you and your County Board of Education, at your next meeting on the first Monday in July, take up the matter of high school funds and agree upon your appointments in accordance with the new requirements.

In the first place you will note that the law now requires the State appropriation for Public High Schools to be apportioned, not on a single basis as heretofore, but on a triple basis: (1) attendance, (2) number of full-time teachers in the high school department, (3) grade and character of work done.

Heretofore the average daily attendance required for the term has been ten students; hereafter the number required is to be twenty students. You will also note that the amended law requires the County Board of Education to apportion out of the general county fund at least as much to each of the high schools as the State apportionments. The Legislature of 1915 made no increase in the appropriation for public high schools and we shall not be able this year to establish any new high schools or to make a complete readjustment of the apportionments, as set forth in the plan outlined below, nor shall we be able to allow the maximum apportionment of \$600 to any high school for the present. It will be our purpose to let the apportionments stand as made last year in every case where it is feasible to do so, though of course many changes will be necessary under the amended law. The only fund we shall have to reapportion, therefore, will be the small amounts that will revert to the treasury for redistribution in the case of schools whose apportionments are reduced or withdrawn altogether.

Plan of Apportioning the High School Fund.

Under the new plan of making the apportionments to public high schools the appropriation will be divided into three parts, roughly as follows: I Division, \$45,000; II Division, \$20,000; III Division, \$10,000.

I Division, \$45,000.

The first division will be divided on the basis of schools accepted. Each school will receive from this division the minimum apportionment of \$200. Any additional amount that may be apportioned from the second and third divisions of the fund will be conditioned upon: (1) the average daily attendance in excess of the minimum number required (20); (2) the number of full-time high school teachers; (3) the standards and grade of work done as explained below. The school that merely meets the minimum requirements of the law as to attendance, length of term, etc., will be eligible to receive an apportionment from the State high school fund of only \$200.

II Division, \$20,000.

Those schools that merely meet the minimum requirements of the law will not be eligible to receive any part of the second division of the fund. This division will be distributed among those schools maintaining an average daily attendance considerably in excess of the minimum average required, and employing a sufficient number of teachers, and having a reasonable patronage from outside the local school district.

III Division, \$10,000.

This division of the fund will be apportioned only on the basis of grade and character of work done. Not a large number of schools can share in this division. In apportioning this division of the fund the object will be to encourage the development of standard high school work. The questions that will enter into consideration will be:

- (1) Number of years in course offered.
(2) Number of teachers and their qualifications.
(3) Length of school year.
(4) Length and number of recitation periods.
(5) Character of the building and equipment.
(6) Requirements for graduation.
(7) The general efficiency of the organization, administration and instruction.
(8) Scope of patronage.

Apportionments to Be Made in July. Under the new plan of apportioning the high school fund the apportionments will be made in July, and before an apportionment to any school can be finally adjusted the following requirements must be met: (1) the principal's final report must be in hand; (2) the treasurer's report of the high school must be in hand; (3) a budget for the succeeding year must

REVIVAL MEETING

The Friends of Asheboro will begin a series of meetings next Friday night September 10th, 7:30 o'clock, at their church near Cox street. Lewis W. McFarland, general superintendent for North Carolina, will assist the pastor, Eli Reece. We call all Christians of whatever name to come to the meetings each day and night. Purpose to come and come to every meeting and on time. ELI REECE, pastor, pro. tem.

Stop Using Dangerous Drug Before It Salivates You! It's Horrible!

You're bilious, sluggish, constipated and believe you need vile, dangerous calomel to start your liver and clean your bowels. Here's my guarantee! Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tonic and take a spoonful tonight. If it doesn't start your liver and straighten you right up better than calomel and without griping or making you sick I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Take calomel today and tomorrow you will feel weak and sick and nauseated. Don't lose a day's work. Take a spoonful of harmless, vegetable Dodson's Liver Tonic tonight and wake up feeling great. It's perfectly harmless, so give it to your children any time. It can't salivate, so let them eat anything afterwards.

CIGARETTES vs. AUTOMOBILES

The Cadillac Motor Car Company has posted throughout its factories the following notice:

"Cigarette smoking is acquiring a hold on a great many boys in our community. The habit has grown in the last year or two. Since it is such a bad practice and is taking such a hold upon so many people, we think it is a disgrace for a grown man to smoke cigarettes, because it is not only injurious to his health, but it is such a bad example to the boys. Boys who smoke cigarettes we do not care to keep in our employ. In the future we will not hire anyone whom we know to be addicted to this habit. It is our desire to weed it entirely out of the factory just as soon as practicable. We will ask everyone in our factory, who sees the seriousness of this habit, to use his influence in having it stamped out. We have two objects in interesting ourselves in this matter: first, to help men and boys; second, we believe that men who do not smoke cigarettes or frequent the saloon can make better automobiles than those that do."

A CONFESSION

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Hines, Ala.—"I must confess," says Mrs. Eula Mae Reid, of this place, "that Cardui, the woman's tonic, has done me a great deal of good."

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Submitted, showing the number of high school teachers, their salary, prospective number of high school students, and the school's facilities and equipment for meeting the demands for high school instruction.

Thank form for this helpful recommendation. This should be filed and returned to the State Superintendent the first Monday in July.

Schools that last year made an average attendance of ten or more students, but less than twenty, and give promise of making twenty or more next year, may be continued by the State Board of Education, if in the discretion of the County Board of Education it is wise to continue them; but such schools will not be entitled to a State apportionment for 1915-1916 unless they make the required attendance of twenty during the first two months of the fall term.

Please go over these matters very carefully with the County Board of Education at your meeting next Monday and see that the treasurer's report of the high school fund and the budget are sent in on time.

Very truly yours, J. Y. JOYNER, Superintendent of Public Instruction. N. W. WALKER, State Supervisor of High Schools.

THE ORPHAN'S CALL

This beautiful poem was read by Rev. W. O. Johnson, of Ramseur, on the occasion of the Orphan's Concert at Ramseur a few days ago:

"I am a child, an orphan child, In search of a home and love. I am eager to find a friend that's kind, For loved ones gone above."

Then I looked apace on a kindly face, But a figure devoid of care; A shivering frame; though a joyous beam Met mine, 'neath disheveled hair.

'Twas a piteous sigh, 'twas an ominous cry, This call of an orphan child. So I met the gaze of her lovely face With a tender look and a smile.

I bade her come to a kindly home And share with mine, my love. I promised that she should find in me A friend for the ones above.

We delight tonight in a lovely sight; This child from need set free. Who with joyous heart holds a sacred part In the life of you and me.

These hold enshrined heartstrings entwined, And the loves of a thousand breasts. They have lost but to gain, and the loss can but mean, The bartering of the good for the best.

In the afterwhile, my child, your child, May plead at another's door. For a friendly hand that will understand, When you and I are no more.

So I love to know that we have the home, And the mother love and care, And a child's sweet place in a woman's heart, With a woman's smile and prayer.

And ten thousand men with the hearts of men To stand behind each child, And make amend for the loss of a friend In the need of the afterwhile.

Then the Master will say in the coming day, "You have done your duty by me. In as much as you've loved the least of these You have done it unto Me."

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PRESIDENT WILSON'S TRIUMPH

Two correspondents writing to the New York World have this to say in regard to President Wilson's policy:

"Wilson on international law from now on will be the authority most consulted by statesmen, diplomats, naval officers and especially submarine commanders. The American people will finally have good cause to congratulate themselves in the true language of the World: 'We have a President who thinks with his brain and not with his lungs.'"

"ALEXANDER LAW"

New York, Sept. 2.

"Our President certainly has taken the wind out of the sails of our fuming, frothy jingoes with his calm, cool, patient and unswerving methods. Today he stands not only as the first citizen of the world, placed there by one of England's best journalists, but he ranks head and shoulder above the great diplomats of all the world.

"He has accomplished things; he has blazed the way to the consideration of methods of warfare that smell of evil even in the nostrils of their makers and their workers. He has awakened the Old World to an observation of things, present and future, as no living man of these troubled times has done. And he is not only doing all this for the present; he is showing the way to calmness, peace and the rights of men who are to come. And when the struggle shall have been brought to an end, who is there in all this great world more fitted to pose as umpire in the gracious game of peace than Wilson?"

"This our President, who has faced the greatest problems since Lincoln, will win his reward when his present enemies back him as the foremost man of the world."

"H. S. KELLER"

Utica, Sept. 1.

NORTH CAROLINA SOLITUDE

The Bit of Literature That is Bringing a Flood of Inquiries to The Observer.

(From The New York Times.) A great deal has been heard about the "abandoned farms" of the New England and other States, some of which maintain bureaus to facilitate the resettlement of those isolated rural "deserts." A certain number of persons, not always practical farmers, have taken advantage of the opportunity to acquire cheap homes and lands. Shrewd, saving farmers of foreign birth have often done well in this work of reclamation and restoration. There has been a large emigration of farmers, from Iowa especially and the States along the Canadian border, to the new fields of the Dominion Northwest. Presumably most, or many, of these had a good store of capital, parting with rich if partially exhausted, soil for the sake of reaping the earnest increment of great virgin tracts of a region of fruitful probabilities.

Bilious prophets emit wails from time to time, shuddering at visions of "tenant farmers" and the last strip of unoccupied farming land. Meanwhile the "Great American Desert" of the geographies of our youth belongs rather to mythology than geography. Prosperous farmers, and enormous crops, and the organization of country life ought to have, but don't seem to have had much, if any, effect upon the passion to herd in cities. Not "Back to the land," but "On to the city," is the cry.

Yet once in a while we hear of wide, untilled, promising farm districts, sometimes in old States. Here for example, is The Charlotte Observer, which "has often pondered over the vast waste of farm lands in Bladen, Brunswick, Pender and neighboring counties" of North Carolina, "and has speculated on the possibilities offered by them for immigrants." It cites from The University News Letter a study of this region. It contains 22,380,000 acres, four-fifths valuable for cultivation, a desert "that could be made to blossom as the rose if North Carolina could draw a thrifty class sufficient to populate it." The Observer says, mournfully or enthusiastically:

Here is a neglected area almost exactly twice the size of Belgium. Here is room for every man of the 450,000 Belgian farmers, on farms twice the average size of the little pocket handkerchief fields they have been used to cultivating. And we should have some 9,000,000 acres of our wilderness spaces still left for woodland uses.

The roseate prospectuses of land speculators, the real estate experiences of Martin Chuzzlewit. Anything of deception cannot be thought of in connection with responsible and upright publications like The Charlotte Observer and The University News Letter. We must believe fully in the Tar Heel unused fertile acre. But will anybody go to them? Is not a motor car the only agricultural machine that most of us desire? Yet the "best section" of North Carolina especially invites small farmers.

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"EXPANDING LIFE"

Dr. Henry Louis Smith, in his address to the Normal graduates discussed the "Expanding Life." He told them to look at nature, a tree for instance, and see how naturally it expanded—and see how we all should grow. Just as under the influences of nature the tree grows broader, so must womanhood broaden. "Learn something new every day," he said. He also pointed out that the tree as well as broadening grows toward heaven, as we should.

Advertisement for Weaver Organ & Piano Co. featuring an image of an organ and the text: "QUALITY Musicians call me quality; my proper name is York; and I am known and loved in the leading homes of America. Men and women are liked for what they are, so am I. On first acquaintance, a pleasing appearance may be the basis for mutual attraction, but the test of friendship is intrinsic merit. Appearance counts, of course, and I am proud of my beautifully designed and finished case. You will be proud of me because for classy lines and rich, chaste design, I have no superior but my real merit is based upon much more than appearance for I will give a long lifetime of service. In thousands of American homes, churches and schools I have been for many years demonstrating my durability and have proven to my friends that my sweet and mellow tone and delicate and responsive action can always be depended upon, even under the most trying conditions. I can be relied upon at all times to meet the exacting demands of the most critical musician. I want to come to your home and spend a lifetime. I want to give you some of the joy and sweetness and melody which I am today giving so many lovers of good music. Will you let me come? Join my club and save not only the middleman's profit but also secure the unheard of advantages offered through that club. These advantages are not confined to price alone. I come direct from the factory to your home and always please people who are able to judge real merit. I was carefully and conscientiously made by the Weaver Organ and Piano Co., of York Pa., who guarantee material and workmanship for a period of ten years. I am rated as a high-grade and standard instrument by the "Piano and Organ Purchasers Guide. I am The Charming Toned York Piano. If you want sunshine in your home, let me come and spend a lifetime with you. For more complete particulars, write immediately to A. N. and E. McIntosh Cullom TROY, N. C. and ASHEBORO, N. C."

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Advertisement for Galvanized Shingles. Text: "Galvanized Shingles. We have just received a car of Galvanized Shingles at a very low figure. Call to see us if in need of any kind of roofing material. MCCRARY-REDDING HARDWARE CO."

Advertisement for Ten to One Saving. Text: "TEN TO ONE SAVING. 26,537 People Immunized at a Cost of 11 Cents Apiece. The final figures for the anti-typhoid campaign recently conducted in five counties of the State show that 26,537 people took three complete treatments at a total cost of \$3,761.37 to the counties, or 14.2 cents per person immunized. Northampton leads in point of low per capita cost. They immunized 8,489 people at a cost of 9.6 cents apiece, Cumberland was next with 3,844 at 12.9 cents apiece, Wake immunized 9,156 at 15.7 cents apiece, while Buncombe immunized 2,955 at 18.3 cents and Henderson 2,693 at 21.9 cents. It has been estimated that had these 26,537 people paid the usual price of 50 cents per dose or \$1.50 per complete treatment, it would have cost them \$39,800, whereas by the method adopted the counties saved over \$35,000. The total loss from typhoid fever saved to these five counties on account of the anti-typhoid treatment during the next five years is assuming a saving of 113 deaths and 1130 cases and, estimating a life saved to be worth \$1,700 and the cost of a case of typhoid at \$200, shows a saving of \$418,000."

Advertisement for Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Text: "The Next Best Thing to the Pine Forest for Colds is—Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey which goes to the very root of cold troubles. It clears the throat and gives relief from that clogged and stuffed feeling. The pines have ever been the friend of man in driving away colds. Moreover, the pine-honey qualities are peculiarly effective in fighting children's colds. Remember that a cold broken at the start greatly removes the possibility of complications. 25c."

Advertisement for Mr. Bentley Owen. Text: "Mr. Bentley Owen, of Liberty, Seriously Injured in Texas. Mr. W. Bentley Owen, Sr., of Liberty who has for several weeks been visiting relatives in the southwest, writes The Courier the following letter: Alto, Texas, Aug. 18, 1915. Ashboro Courier, Asheboro, N. C. Dear sir: On the 12th of August in the attempt to hold a runaway mule, I was thrown into a barbed wire fence and the buggy striking me and jerking me along the fence. My body was cut in a number of places, head and right arm and my left arm stripped of all the flesh and muscle from the shoulder joint to the elbow except on the back of the arm. My arm had to be amputated. I am improving now and hope will soon be out again. I'm here in Cherokee county, Texas, looking after my son's farm this summer and am expecting to go to my own home in Liberty, N. C., as soon as the crop is gathered. This is a fine farm belonging to W. B. Owen, Jr., on the Arnelina River, 6 miles of Alto, R. F. D. No. 2, Texas. Yours very truly, W. B. OWEN, Sr. Mr. Owens' many friends in this county hope that he may soon recover from the severe injury which he has received."

Advertisement for Constipation Cured Overnight. Text: "Constipation Cured Overnight. A small dose of Po-Do-Lax tonight and you enjoy a full, free, easy bowel movement in the morning. No griping, for Po-Do-Lax is Podophyllin (May Apple) with the grape. Po-Do-Lax corrects the cause of Constipation by arousing the liver, increasing the flow of bile. Bile is Nature's antiseptic in the bowels. With proper amount of bile, digestion in bowels is perfect. No gas, no fermentation, no Constipation. Don't be sick, nervous, irritable. Get a bottle of Po-Do-Lax from your druggist now and cure your Constipation overnight."