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## GOOD ROADS MEETING

The good roads meeting at the court house last Friday afternoon was not very largely attended. Whether the call for the meeting had not had time to be widely circulated, or the roads in the township were too bad to travel, or the people generally were not concerned about the condition of the roads, not many citizens of the township outside of the town itself came to take part in the proceedings.

The meeting was called to order by E. S. English, who acted as chairman. The chairman called on Mr. G. T. Brown of Raleigh, who had come in the capacity of a road expert at the invitation of T. H. Shipman, to make a report of what he had observed and to give his opinion about the kind of roads needed, etc. Mr. Brown spoke at some length, going pretty thoroughly into a discussion of the comparative merits of the various kinds of roads, and stating his opinion as to the character of soil, rock, and gravel available in this county so far as he had been able to observe.

He said that he believed the sand-clay road, while giving most satisfactory results under certain conditions, was impracticable for this section of the country. Neither the clay nor the sand were the best for the purpose. Mr. Brown did not seem to favor macadam construction in general, and cited instances where the road-bed was disappointing.

As to cost, he estimated that macadam would cost about \$1,000 a mile, or about \$70,000 for the seventeen miles of the township which would be constructed. The gravel roads would cost about \$33,000, and this kind he recommended as the best under the circumstances. He also advised the purchase of a rock crusher, preferably by the county.

W. E. Breese said he favored a bond issue for making good roads but he did not believe any one was in a position to say just what was the best road for this section, and that all that could be done at present would be to secure an act of the legislature authorizing an election under required conditions. This position was combated by the chairman, who held that no law would be passed without a specification of how much the bond issue to be voted on should be. After considerable wrangling over this point a motion was made by Mr. Breese to ask legislature to pass a law giving authority to the commissioners to call for an election on a petition signed by one-half the qualified voters in the township. The motion was carried, but later amended to limit the bond issue in the law to \$500,000, and thus amended became the will of the meeting.

## FIELD DAY COMMITTEE

The committee from the various churches appointed, recently for the purpose of conferring together in regard to plans for the proposed Sunday school field day to be held some time during the spring or summer, held a meeting at the Presbyterian manse Tuesday afternoon, but owing to the small number present it was decided to hold another meeting at the Methodist church at four o'clock next Sunday afternoon, when the matter will again be taken up and plans made for the celebration.

Anyone interested in a celebration is invited to meet with the committee and help in the arrangement of a program. It is the purpose of the promoters of this movement to have the various Sunday schools of the county come together on some day to be decided upon and engage in various contests, such as singing, recitation, essay, athletic, etc., and all to join in a basket picnic.

The members of the various committees are requested to attend the meeting Sunday afternoon at four o'clock.

## NO FARM DEMONSTRATOR

The county commissioners held the regular February meeting last Monday in the register of deeds office. The commissioners, G. T. Lyday, T. S. Wood, and W. L. Tally were all present.

The board decided adversely on the farm demonstrator proposition, carried over from last Monday's meeting for further consideration. Their decision was based on the will of the people, as ascertained by the commissioners. A very small per cent of those who appeared before the board expressed themselves as favorable to employing a demonstration agent. The opposition was so overwhelming in point of numbers that the commissioners did not feel justified in making an appropriation. The probabilities are, in their opinion, that the experiment would meet with little co-operation.

The commissioners decided to visit Hogback township on February 10th to inspect the roads and bridges and let a contract for building a bridge across Gum Bottom creek at Green's Mill.

A petition was adopted to make the road by Mrs. Zachary's, extending from the corporate limits of Brevard across Brushy Creek by Mrs. Grayley's, and intersect the public road near the line of W. H. Duckworth.

The board also adopted a petition to extend the road lying between the Southern Railway track and the Standard Oil Company's yard from the town limit to the road known as McLean's crossing. The usual routine of business was attended to and a number of claims paid.

## TEACHERS' MEETING

The last meeting of the Teachers' Association for this scholastic year will be held Friday and Saturday, February 19th and 20th. The following program has been prepared by the committee.

### FRIDAY

10:30—Devotional Exercises, Rev. W. M. Robbins.

10:50—Model Recitation in Third Grade Reading, Miss Frances McIntosh.

11:20—The Teacher, Rev. A. W. McDaniel.

12:00 to 1:35—Noon Recess.

Each teacher is requested to bring a light lunch and join in a spread dinner at the school house.

1:15—Betterment Association.

Each teacher is requested to bring a written report of aims accomplished in school. This report should include not only material improvements, but increase in attendance, cooperation of the community, or anything that has elevated the school atmosphere.

2:00—Object Cultivation Appreciation for the Deafened, Mr. N. C. Newbold.

### FRIDAY EVENING

8:00—The teachers have been invited to hold the evening program at the Institute Chapel. This meeting is to consist of a musical and social program, given by the County Teachers as an informal reception to Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Henderson. A committee consisting of Misses Julia Deaver, Mary Rice, Frances McIntosh, Messrs. A. F. Mitchell and C. J. Ashworth, were appointed to arrange the meeting.

### SATURDAY

9:30—Opening Exercises, Mr. Miles Reece.

10:30—Value of Attending Summer Schools, Mr. N. W. Walker.

10:45—Proper School Incentives and How to Use Them, Mr. N. C. Newbold.

## How to Prevent Bilious Attacks

Coming events cast their shadows before." This is especially true of bilious attacks. Your appetite will fail, you will feel dull and languid. If you are subject to bilious attacks take three of Chamberlain's Tablets as soon as these symptoms appear and the attack may be warded off. For sale by all dealers. adv

## GENERAL NEWS

President Wilson, after considerable deliberation, during which he listened to both advocates and opponents of the new immigration bill vetoed the bill last week and sent it back to Congress, with a message explaining his action. He disclaimed any assumption of any knowledge of the wishes of the American people over that possessed by their representatives, but was unwilling to sign such a bill until those wishes were positively known. He held that that literary test was not test of efficiency or character, and that the bill was contrary to the traditional policy of this country.

The formal opening of the Panama Canal, according to an announcement made by Secretary of the Navy Daniels, has been postponed from March until July. The President, however, is expected to make the trip in March to San Francisco, and unless a special meeting of Congress is called, he is to make a series of speeches on his return trip East.

The steamer Dacia, with a cargo of 11,000 bales of cotton, sailed from Galveston, Texas, on January 31st. Its destination is Rotterdam, Holland, the cargo to be transhipped from that port to Bremen. The Dacia was recently transferred from German to American registry, and the British government has declared that it will be seized as a prize of war. The Dacia was interned shortly after the outbreak of the war at Port Arthur, Texas. Her new owners announced that she was bought to engage in the cotton trade with Germany, but opposition from the British government caused the destination of the vessel to be changed from Bremen to Rotterdam, which is a neutral port.

January 30th the German submarine U-21 made a raid in the Irish Sea near Liverpool, sank three steamers, and escaped. In a British official statement of the disaster, it was charged that the German marine had decided to violate international law, as evidenced by the bombardment of a vessel filled with Belgian women and children refugees.

Dan S. Lebon, C. C. Tedder, and Arthur Thurman, charged with subornation of perjury in connection with the Leo M. Frank case, were adjudged not guilty by a Fulton county jury at Atlanta, Ga., last week.

## MASONIC MEETINGS

Owing to the unusual number of degrees to be conferred, Donn's Rock Lodge No. 267, A. F. & A. M., find it necessary to hold four communications during February, and at nearly every one of them two candidates will receive degrees. The lodge is enjoying a great season of prosperity and although no one is ever solicited for membership applications are coming in at every meeting.

The following meetings are scheduled for the month: Friday, February 5th, Fellowcraft degree; February 12th, Master Mason's degree; February 19th, Entered Apprentice degree. All these meetings will begin at 7:30 p. m. The regular February communication will be held on Friday, February 26th, at 2:30 in the afternoon when the Master's degree will be conferred. The afternoon meeting is held for the benefit of the older brethren who cannot attend at night.

All visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend any and all of these meetings.

## "The Best Laxative I Know Of."

"I have sold Chamberlain's Tablets for several years. People who have used them will take nothing else. I can recommend them to my customers as the best laxative and cure for constipation that I know of," writes Frank Strouse, Fruitland, Iowa. For sale by all dealers. adv

## STATE NEWS

The president announced to a North Carolina delegation on January 28th that he doubted if he could accept the invitation to speak at the Guilford battle ground celebration. He said that he did not think it would be right for him to take part in such a celebration while the European war was going on, and that he expected at that time to be on his way through the Panama canal. This attitude of the president was sharply criticized by Senator Gallinger in a speech in the senate, in which he said: "If this is the proper attitude for the president to take, we will have the flags on the white house and on the capitol hauled down on the Fourth of July."

In regard to the rumor that he would be a candidate from North Carolina for a seat in the United States senate, Secretary Daniels said recently, "When I retire from the cabinet I am going to spend the rest of my time roasting public officials in my newspaper."

According to an estimate of Supervisor T. E. Browne of the North Carolina Boys' Corn Clubs, during the past year the clubs led to the production of \$30,000 worth of corn. From the reports received from the members of the clubs, the average yield was fifty-two bushels to the acre.

Petitions in support of the bills to prevent the delivery of liquors for beverage purposes and to stop the manufacture and sale of malt have been pouring into the legislature from many counties.

Bills of unusual importance before the houses of the legislature are exciting much interest and comment during the present week. The Hubgood and Roberts and other bills for woman suffrage have provoked a good deal of lobbying, in which Mrs. Anna Shaw, head of the equal suffrage movement in the United States, and Mrs. Archibald Henderson, head of the movement in this state, are conspicuous. The bills originated by the Anti-Saloon League are also receiving much attention.

Odd Fellows in the western section of the state will naturally be interested in the celebration of the order by the Asheville Odd Fellows. The order was founded in April, 1834, and the celebration will be held on the 26th of next April.

The scarcity of wheat is beginning to tell in some of the European countries. Russia is wholly independent of outside supply, and France practically so, but some other countries are not so favorably situated. In Germany the authorities in several cities have ordered limitations in the consumption of bread. Bakers will receive only three-fourths as much flour as formerly. In Italy the government has issued a decree suspending the duties on cereals and flour. The decree declares that if necessary wheat will be transported on railroads and steamships at half rates.

## BLUE RIDGE QUARTETTE.

Next Saturday night, the Blue Ridge Quartette will give an entertainment at the Court House. The Quartette is composed of J. W. Burns, first tenor, D. W. Lee, second tenor, L. W. Burns, first bass, V. Z. Clayton, second bass.

The quartette represent local county talent with the exception of Mr. Clayton, who is from Horse Shoe. Mr. J. W. Burns is leader of the Cedar Mountain Singing Class, which has the reputation of being one of the best choirs in the county association.

In this entertainment the quartette will make its debut, having been only recently organized. We hope that Brevard will give them a good audience and thus a good start-off for a tour of the county.

## ATTEMPTED ASSAULT

Last Tuesday morning a negro called at the home of Mr. John Henderson, who lives about two miles south of Brevard, and asked Mrs. Henderson, who was alone at the time, where a Mr. Cunningham, the section foreman, was working. After receiving his answer he left the house and in about twenty minutes he returned and slipping in at the back door caught Mrs. Henderson and attempted to choke her. She succeeded in getting hold of a pair of scissors, however, and drove him away.

The news of the attempted assault reached town in a very few minutes and the sheriff with a posse went to the section and brought back two negroes, who were later taken to the home of Mrs. Henderson who identified one of them as her assailant.

The man charged with the crime was Vester Camp, a son of Pink Camp, and appears to be about sixteen years of age. He was taken to Henderson county for safe keeping until court convenes, when he will face a very serious charge.

The posse who went after the negro was very orderly and there was at no time any fear of lynching.

## SELICA ENTERTAINMENT

The Betterment Association of Selica graded school will give the following program Saturday evening, February 13th, beginning at 7:30 p. m.:

Chorus—"My Dixie Rose," (Grady.)

Words of welcome, four girls.  
Recitation—"So Was I," Ada Hamilton (Smiley).

Duet—"Misses Rice and Davis."  
Play—"Stambo Jann," seven characters.

Pantomime—"Rock of Ages," nine characters (M. Wood).

Play—"Stick to Your Word, Gal," five characters.

Adults 25c; school children 15c. Everybody invited.

## HONOR ROLL

The following is the honor roll for the Brevard Graded school for the month of January:

First Grade—Hrisidine Snodden, Edwin Perkins, Edward Kilpatrick, LaVerne Webb, Elizabeth Ramseur, J. R. Neill, Electa Singleton, Homer Hayes, Gladys English, Margaret Bryant, Louise Fowler.

Second Grade—Jewel Ashworth, Karl Bosse, Etienne Clond, John Duckworth, Mitchell Fortune, Glenn Galloway, Mollie McGill, Nat Townsend, Carl Townsend, Wells Singleton, Clara King.

Third Grade—Elwin English, Robert Kilpatrick, Philip Price, Anthony Trantnam, Georgia Dalton, Gladys Kilpatrick, Inez Nielsen, Gertrude Whitmore.

Fourth Grade—Dewey Lanning, Frank Duckworth, Marvin Garren, Paul Cook, Dewey Mull, Hampton Scruggs, Howard Singleton, Charles Mills, Louise Townsend, Agatha Deaver, Roy Galloway.

Fifth Grade—Fulton Galloway, Pearl Duckworth, Wade Davis, Blanton Mitchell, Otis Shindard, Marjorie Gardner, James Siler.

Sixth Grade—Reba Ashworth, Clara Gillespie, Elsie Hayes, Mary Heath, Lillian King, Lou Neill, Ernest Bosse, Ralph Galloway, Harlan Neill, William Perkins, Thomas Scruggs, George Snelson.

Seventh Grade—May Crary, Ruby Duckworth, Dovie Garren, Fair Snelson, Myrtle Townsend, Clarence Deaver, Byron Olney.

Eighth Grade—Irene Duckworth, Ruth Duckworth, Dora Gillespie, Lois Orr, Ruth McCollum, Flave Copeland, Roy Crary, Oliver Crary, Ralph Duckworth, Patton Kinzey, Rush Whitmore, Roland Whitmore.

Ninth Grade—Georgia Burrell, Izetta Gillespie, Alberta Perkins, Gladys Galloway.