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RURAL SCHOOLS MADE PROGRESS IN LAST SESSION

Summary of Work Planned
and Accomplished in Car-
teret County 1924-25

THREE OBJECTIVES SOUGHT

(By RUTH TOWNSEND)

Before our schools opened we had a two days teachers conference. At this conference we discussed what had been done in our County and we expected to do the following year.

In view of the needs of Carteret County our work centered around the following objectives:

A. Improving quantity and quality of classroom instruction.

B. Arousing and stimulating a love for music.

C. Better school support

In order that the cases could be diagnosed before a remedy was applied, a county wide testing program consisting of Intelligence Tests, Spelling, Reading, Fundamentals and Problems in Arithmetic was given.

The tests revealed the fact that our weakest point was reading. Although reading was the outstanding need, there were also many classes and even schools which were wandering aimlessly about the houses of arithmetic and spelling with no keys to open anything.

As the tests were corrected difficulties were listed, then remedial measure worked out. With the graphs and results of the tests which were carried to the teachers was a book of remedial measures. To me this seems to be the most vital point in our school program. Here the teacher and the child could look at the graphs and find his or her weakness. Then we put the problems to the child in a way that it was a challenge. Nothing does us more good than to see "ourselves as others see us." After the children realized their needs, they asked the question: What can we do to improve? Thus after the cases had been diagnosed and physician and patient were aware of the dangers, all were eager to take the right medicine. The teachers and supervisor worked constantly to give each child the medicine he needed. If he did not improve in a certain time under the medicine diagnosed for his case the medicine was changed. For instance if a child ranked as a third grade child in reading when he should have been sixth we gave him third grade material, then fourth, then fifth etc. It meant a great deal of extra work for that child but they were not only willing, but eager to do it.

In solving our reading problems we are indebted to the County Board of Education, P. T. A.'s Traveling Libraries and Lend a Hand Book Mission. Through the work of the P. T. A. \$1,140.47 has been raised for books. Practically all of this has been spent for supplementary readers. In addition to this a county library consisting of two hundred and fifty books was bought. These books have been a great help because they were placed in schools where they were needed most and where no supplementary material was available.

To improve the child's reasoning ability they were given more problems concerning their everyday life. Special emphasis was placed on comprehension and analysis of problems, verifying results, performing accurately and quickly all the fundamental operations.

For remedial work in spelling demonstration lessons were given to exhibit different methods of teaching spelling. The pupils had lessons consisting of words in everyday life and finally many children of the County made a Carteret County Spelling book.

Of course in order to do effective remedial work there had to be grouping and regrouping of classes. But our main objective was not this but to touch that live wire "Interest" in the child, in order that he might have a burning desire and then to satisfy it.

As a result of remedial work sixty five per cent of the low children reached the class average when the second tests were given an dthe gen-

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FINE YACHT ARRIVES.

One of the finest yachts ever in Beaufort harbor came in Monday afternoon. She docked at the Standard Oil Company's wharf for the night and left Tuesday morning bound for New York. Captain G. A. Lind was in command of the vessel. Her owner Mr. J. W. Young of Hollywood, Florida is in New York. The Jessie Fay, which is the yacht's name, was built at Hollywood by her owner. She cost about \$150,000. She has 10 state rooms, eight forward and two aft and is fitted out with everything that the most fastidious fancy could require. Mr. Young is creating a resort city at Hollywood.

VERY PLEASANT WEATHER IN MONTH OF MAY

The weather during the month of May in and around Beaufort was for the most part very fine. There were two rainy days, seven partly cloudy ones and 22 that were clear and sunny. The rainfall for the month was 1.37 inches. The hottest weather was on the 30th and 31st when the mercury climbed to 88 degrees. It was 96 at that time up the State in some places. The lowest temperature was 51 which was on the 27th. The temperature figures for each day of the month are as follows:

	Max.	Min.
1.	70	52
2.	71	50
3.	71	52
4.	74	63
5.	79	61
6.	78	55
7.	79	56
8.	78	57
9.	79	60
10.	83	67
11.	87	66
12.	84	66
13.	79	64
14.	76	60
15.	80	58
16.	80	59
17.	78	58
18.	77	62
19.	71	58
20.	78	60
21.	76	55
22.	84	66
23.	87	69
24.	78	70
25.	83	59
26.	66	52
27.	73	51
28.	79	57
29.	81	60
30.	88	66
31.	88	68

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET

The meeting of the board of county commissioners Monday was a very short affair. Owing to the critical illness of the mother of chairman Woodland he was unable to be present. The members present were Messrs. Huntley, Taylor and Whitehurst. Commissioner Taylor acted as chairman of the meeting. A motion was passed taking recess until June the 15th at which time road contracts and other matters will be considered.

NO REDUCED PRICES ON CHAUTAUQUA TICKETS

The Chautauqua Association met last Friday evening in the offices of Drs. Maxwell and Hendrix and organized for the ticket selling drive which will start soon. There is a large list of guarantors this year but not more than a fourth of them attended the meeting. The following named officers were elected: Chairman, N. F. Eure, Vice-chairman, Mrs. F. R. Seeley, Advertising manager, J. H. Stubbbs, Chairman arrangements committee, O. B. Moore, Chairman Ticket committee, N. W. Taylor, who declined to serve and was succeeded by Joseph House, House, Treasurer, J. A. Hornaday, Jr., Chairman Light committee, Hardy H. Lewis, Hospitality committee, Mrs. Bayard Taylor, C. S. Maxwell, W. H. Taylor, A. D. O'Brien.

Those in charge of the ticket sale this year say that they will enforce strictly the rule about distributing tickets to guarantors in case of a deficit. The contract provides that there shall be no such distribution. The trouble about it is that many people wait until the last minute thinking that they will be able to get tickets at a cut price or even for nothing. This hurts the sale of the tickets and helps to cause a deficit. The contract provides that all unsold tickets shall be returned to the Chautauqua company on the opening day. So it seems that those who wish to attend the Chautauqua had as well buy tickets as soon as they are put on sale. The program this year includes two plays and a number of good attractions. There are only two lectures.

Sea Level.
Fennie Harris, Fairfield, N. C. and Hazel Whitley, Beaufort.
Lymon Gaskill and Sadie Turner, Beaufort.

BATHERS MUST COVER COSTUMES

Ordinance Adopted Forbids
Walking Streets In Abbreviated Bath Suits

As a result of an ordinance adopted by the city board of commissioners at their meeting Monday it soon will be unlawful to walk the streets of Beaufort clad only in bathing costume. The tax on dogs was advanced to \$5 and the canines will not be allowed to walk abroad without muzzles. An ordinance in regard to weeds on streets in front of houses was adopted. All of these ordinances are published elsewhere in this newspaper.

A delegation consisting of about a half dozen ladies and four preachers came before the board Monday and made strong pleas for certain legislation which they wished adopted. Mrs. M. Leslie Davis represented the ladies and asked for a strict observance of the Sunday closing law. Reverend E. Frank Lee was the principal spokesman for the delegation and discussed Sunday closing, speeding, bathing costume regulations and dogs. He made a very strong plea for an improvement in the automobile regulations and asked that Queen be made a one way street. Reverend L. B. Boney added his endorsement to what had been said and came out strongly against speeding, indecent bath costumes and keeping stores open on Sundays. Mr. W. A. Mace said that owing to the careless manner in which some people drive that it was very dangerous for children and he thought something ought to be done about it before some child got killed.

Mr. A. T. Gardner addressed the board and said he opposed making Queen street a one way street; that there was a great deal more traffic on Orange than on Queen. He said citizens should report people who drive too fast. Chief of Police Longest said that many arrests for violating traffic laws had been made and the police were doing all they could. He asked for the cooperation of the public. Mr. A. D. O'Brien said he opposed making Queen a one way street, that it was 23 feet wide which could handle the traffic on it. He also opposed Sunday closing. Commissioner Wheatley discussed the several questions. He opposed the one way street plan, said there were more children on Marsh street than any other, couldn't make them all one way streets. He said citizens ought to cooperate with police. He favored bath regulations. There were several applications before the board for positions of city truck driver and fire truck driver. The applications were referred to the Street Committee and the Fire Department. A. W. Daniels made application for permission to repair the fish house on Front street which he bought recently. The application lies over for 10 days. A number of bills were audited and the board recessed to meet again next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Register of Deeds Jno. W. Hamilton states that four couples took advantage of the regular rate of \$3 before the advance to \$5 on Monday for marriage licenses. Since that date none have been issued at the advance price. They were as follows: Willie F. Dixon and Mabel Lewis of Beaufort.
Clayton Salter and Florence Tosto

RALEIGH OFFICER KILLS ATTORNEY

Detective Wyatt Fires Into Car
And Kills S. S. Holt Of
Smithfield

Raleigh June 1.—Stephen S. Holt, Smithfield attorney, was instantly killed this afternoon when Detective Jesse Wyatt, of the Raleigh police, fired on an automobile that failed to stop at his order.

The shooting occurred three miles out of Raleigh on the Smithfield highway about 4 o'clock. Wyatt who was accompanied by Police Chief Winder Bryan, both in civilian clothes, suspected the car of carrying liquor, and as it passed he signalled for it to stop. When it failed to respond to his order he fired, the ball entered Holt's head in the rear and ploughed through his brain. A jury empaneled this evening by Coroner L. M. Waring ordered Wyatt held pending action by the grand jury. The officer previously had been allowed to go to his home after reporting at police headquarters, but after the verdict of the coroner's jury he was arrested and confined. It was expected bond would be arranged.

BEEN TO COURT

Mr. Holt had been in Raleigh appearing before federal court and was on his way home. He was riding on the back seat with J. Will Wright and Joe Woodard, both of Smithfield while Doc Woodard and A. H. Woodard were on the front seat, A. H. Woodard driving. The car halted about three miles out while one member of the party went into some nearby woods. Wyatt and Chief Bryan, up the road some distance, saw it stop and in a few minutes start off again. That, according to reports in the shooting, was the basis for the suspicion that it was carrying liquor. When the machine passed the officers the order to stop was given.

The men in the car insisted that they did not recognize any sign to stop nor did they particularly notice the officers on the side of the road as they were not dressed in uniforms.

"FIRED AT TIRE."

Detective Wyatt said he fired at a rear tire and suggested that the ball must have struck the pavement instead and glanced upward penetrating the rear curtain and striking Holt. An examination of the pavement revealed no evidences of an indentation such as a bullet might make. Smithfield persons who afterwards visited the scene said.

A search of the car disclosed no liquor and no member of the party had been drinking, it is said.

Mr. Holt was 49 years of age and had been practicing law for many years in Smithfield. He leaves a wife, three children and three step children, besides brothers and sisters.

STRAWBERRY ACREAGE CAM-

PAIGN WILL START NEXT WEEK

The campaign to secure acreage for strawberry growing will start in earnest next week. Meetings are to be held at which farmers and others interested in the matter are expected to be present. County Agent Overstreet has announced dates for the meetings as follows:

There will be meetings of the growers, who intend to plant strawberries this summer, at the following school houses:

Lower North River, Monday night June 8th at 8 o'clock
Wire Grass Tuesday night, June 9th at 8 o'clock.

Straits, Wednesday night, June 10th at 8 o'clock.

I hope all farmers who have agreed to plant and any others who are interested will make a special effort to be present at one of these meetings.

HUGH OVERSTREET,
County Agent.

POTATO HARVEST IS

NOW ABOUT FINISHED

The early potato harvest in the Beaufort area is drawing to a close, all of the buyers, except one having left. The weather has been dry and favorable and the growers have had

LUMBER COMPANY'S PLANT HAD A RATHER CLOSE CALL

Last Saturday morning a fire that did not do much damage threatened for a time to destroy the buildings of the Carteret Lumber Company just east of town. Some old camp buildings on the north side of the railroad caught fire, probably from sparks from a locomotive and were destroyed. The loss probably did not exceed a hundred dollars.

The men around the plant undertook to put out the fire but found that they could not handle it and sent in a call for the city fire truck. The firemen responded and in short time had the fire under control. The city's water mains could not be reached but a hose was put in a pond nearby and enough water gotten in this way to quench the flames.

PUBLIC SCHOOL FINALS NOW ON

Friday Evening Ends School
Year. Dr. Mosher Will
Deliver Addresses

The annual commencement of the Beaufort Public School began last Friday evening with a music recital. Mrs. O. B. Moore who is in charge of the music department had carefully drilled her pupils for this occasion and a most excellent concert was given. A large audience was present and enjoyed the entertainment fully. Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the sermon to the graduating class was delivered at Ann Street Methodist church by the pastor Reverend E. Frank Lee. Reverend L. B. Boney of the First Baptist church assisted in the exercises. For the first time in the history of the school the senior class appeared in caps and gowns.

Mr. Lee took as his text the seventh verse of the fourth chapter of Proverbs "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." His sermon was inspiring and instructive and heard by a large audience. The choir for the occasion was composed of pupils of the school.

The senior class exercises are to take place this evening in the school auditorium. The program to be given is as follows:

Chorus—"Springtime"—Glee Club.
Welcome—Dorsey Martin.
History—Margaret Ramsey.
Statistics—Oleta Barber.
Poem—Kathleen Skarren.
Gronbler—Mildred Whitehurst.
Duet—"Comrades in Arms"—Haynes Oleta Barber and Eleanor Ramsey.
Prophecy—Sarah Rumley.
Glorification—Elizabeth Rumley.
Last Will and Testament—Emma Taylor.

Chorus—Boating—Glee Club.
Marshals—Virginia Howe, Gaston Morton, William Way, Claudia Edwards, Margaret Dill, Clifford Lewis.

Chief Marshal—Guy Hudgins.

The graduating exercises are to take place tomorrow (Friday) evening and one of the principal features will be the address to the graduates by Dr. E. P. Mosher of the University of North Carolina. The program in full for the evening is as follows:

Salutatory—Eleanor Ramsey.
Triumphant—Kathleen Skarren, Eleanor Ramsey, Oleta Barber.

Presentation of Key—Edward Piv-

er.

Address—Dr. E. R. Mosher.

Gift to School—Luther Perry.

Valedictory—Lydia Parkin.

Delivering of Diplomas—Supt. C. W. E. Pittman.

Remarks—Dorsey Martin.

Class Song—

Marshals—Virginia Howe, Claudia Edwards, William Way, Gaston Morton, Clifford Lewis, Margaret Dill.

Chief Marshal—Guy Hudgins.

no difficulty in gathering their crops. The yield this year has not been so large as usual, owing to dry weather probably, but the prices have been good. Number 1 potatoes have sold all the way from \$4 to \$5.50 a barrel. Last year 143 cars were shipped from Beaufort. This year it is estimated that the shipments will be about 100 cars.

KILGORE RESIGNS FROM FACULTY OF A. AND E. COLLEGE

Disagreement With President
Brooks Causes Dr. Kilgore
To Resign

COUNTY ROAD LOANS ILLEGAL

Raleigh, June 1st.—Dr. B. W. Kilgore, dean of the Agricultural Department of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Engineering, could not get along with the President of that institution and decided to step down and out. The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, in session at the College on Friday, accepted Dean Kilgore's resignation and referred the question of a successor to the full board which will hold its annual meeting here next week. Dr. C. Carl Taylor, dean of the graduate School, is receiving favorable mention in this connection. Doctor Kilgore, who has been intimately connected with the agricultural extension work of the State for thirty years, says he has not yet made any plans for the future. His going is generally regretted here.

Governor McLean requests the heads of State institutions to submit all building contracts to him before taking final action. This is in harmony with the budget law which contains a provision that "each State institution receiving appropriations for permanent improvements under the Act of 1925, shall budget their requirements and present same to the director of the budget before any of such appropriations shall become available." Necessary estimate forms have been forwarded to department and institutional heads with request for permanent improvement estimates. Around four million dollars in bonds was authorized by the Legislature for permanent improvements and will be available on the first day of July.

Mine Disaster Appalls

A pall of gloom has been hovering over this city and the State since the announcement was made of fatalities in the terrific mine explosion at the Carolina Coal company's mine near Sanford on Wednesday. Scores of miners were entombed by the explosions and not one of them was brought out alive. On hearing of the disaster, Governor McLean immediately dispatched a corps of engineers under the direction of Chairman Frank Page, of the State Highway Commission, and Adjutant General Metts to the scene with instructions to mobilize whatever troops necessity required in handling the perplexing situation. The work of recovering bodies has been in progress day and night since the disaster occurred nearly a week ago and it has turned out to be a herculean task. All of the missing bodies have been rescued but it will be months before the wreckage can be cleared and the mine made ready to resume operations, it is said.

It is reported that many of the families of the victims of this fearful calamity are in sore need of assistance and an appeal has been made to the people of the State for help. The call is urgent and the response should be immediate and liberal. The disaster is the most deplorable that has ever been visited upon the State and unless food and clothing is supplied without delay the physical suffering of more than 200 people will become acute. All contributions should be forwarded to J. W. Cunningham, treasurer, Sanford, N. C.

The Corporation Commission decides that bank directors are not covered by the 1925 bank law which prohibits loans to "bank officials." The opinion was written by the Commission's Attorney, L. M. Bailey, the "blue sky" law enforcement officer. The law sets forth that no loan shall be made by a State bank to one of its employees or officers without the approval of the bank's board of directors. The new law requires that all loans to officers and employees of banks be on good collateral approved by a majority of the board of directors, which approval must be recorded by a resolution on the board's minutes.

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