

## Alamance County School News.

The third meeting of the County Teachers' Association was held in Graham, Saturday, December 6th. Sixty-eight teachers were in attendance. An unusually interesting meeting was held. Dr. Chase, of the State University, gave a most practical lecture on what the school should do for the child. Every citizen of Alamance county would have found his talk both interesting and instructive. He said in brief that the school owes first to the child a healthy body—that it is the school's sacred duty to instill in the child a sense of his responsibility for a clean, hygienic community. It is more important to teach a child to protect himself from typhoid fever, consumption and malaria than to teach him arithmetic and grammar. Dr. Chase said that the school's second duty to the child was to give him a command of the tools of knowledge, viz., reading, writing, arithmetic and language.

Following Dr. Chase's lecture came the usual union dinner at the town hall. After dinner there was an informal discussion of several vital school subjects—Morning Exercises in the Schools, Play Grounds and Community Meetings.

The importance of organized play during the recess period was stressed, and it was agreed by all present that the teachers should be on the playgrounds with the children—that a teacher who felt too old to play or to direct the children's play should stop teaching.

After the meeting was adjourned a small body of enthusiastic teachers met together with several public spirited women of the county and organized an association for the improvement of rural schools in Alamance County. Mr. M. C. Terrell, of Friendship, was made president.

The object of this organization is to foster and encourage the organization of country life clubs in the various schools of the county, and to encourage every possible phase of school improvement work.

To encourage a healthy spirit of rivalry among the schools, this organization proposes to offer at least 30 prizes for improvements made in the county schools. Four prizes have already been handed in: A wall clock given by Mr. Z. T. Hadley, of Graham; a desk chair given by Green & McClure Furniture Co., of Graham; a water cooler given by the Graham Hardware Co.; and another water cooler given by Holt & May, of Burlington.

To encourage domestic science in the schools, this organization proposes to give to the school exhibiting the best work in sewing, a nice sewing machine. To the school exhibiting the best work in cooking, a cook stove will be given. No exhibit, however, will be considered unless there are as many as fifteen pupils in the class. It is hoped that the people all over the county will enter into this work heartily.

The following is suggestive of what might be done:

A painted school house properly lighted and ventilated. An ample playground provided with baseball, basketball, tennis, swings, saws, etc.

A good well or spring. Individual drinking cups.

Two well ordered out-houses. A wood house. A front yard of grass and flowers. Good sand or concrete walk to school house door.

Maps, globes, library, good stove or Waterbury heating system. Window shades and curtains. Copies of the world's best pictures. Good blackboards. Newspapers and magazines.

An enthusiastic Country Life Club, composed of every man, woman and child in my district, that has for its object the upbuilding of my school's physical, intellectual and moral environment.

An enthusiastic teacher, who is neat and clean; keeps things in their proper places; reads; attends teachers' meetings; knows the life and environment of her pupils; follows daily a systematic programme; keeps a neat and accurate register; inspires her pupils with much respect for public property that they scorn to deface school furniture or building or playgrounds.

The Oakdale School is to have this year a dairying school. Regular classes will be held one day in each month during the school year. Other schools might well follow Oakdale's example. To the school granting this course in dairying the De-

## Mr. W. A. Rich Found Dead in Road.

Mr. William A. Rich, a prominent citizen and undertaker, of Graham, was found dead in the road between Graham and Bellemont this (Friday) morning. Mr. Rich went yesterday to a house near Tom Hardens for the purpose of disinfecting it, and about nine o'clock last night the horse came home alone. It is supposed Mr. Rich fell dead and was dragged by the buggy for quite a long way. His clothes were badly mangled and worn from dragging on the ground. He was found not far from Mr. Tom Harden's and it is supposed that he had started on his return when death came.

He was about forty-eight years old and until recently having been in declining health, was one of the most prominent undertakers of the county. A coroner's inquest was deemed unnecessary. Funeral and burial services have not been decided on at this time.

## Two Fire Alarms.

Early Thursday as the morning dawn was breaking, the fire whistle aroused many from their cozy couches. The fire was found to be at the residence of Miss Florence Albright, the blaze having caught from the stove flue in the kitchen. The fire was extinguished and little damage done.

Friday about 12:45 o'clock, the barn on one stall shed, of Mr. J. H. Boon, who lives near the Graded School was set on fire by some boys burning papers nearby. The firemen hastened to the scene but found the shed could not be saved and that no other buildings were in danger.

We learn from a reliable source that the noise of the fire whistle has been disturbing those who live near the power house, and that the force of the whistle has been lowered, which makes it impossible for the firemen to hear it at times. With all due respect to these citizens, we think the fire whistle should sound at full force. If the home of one of these citizens should be in a mass of flames and the firemen not respond we fear there would be much said. Let the fire whistle blow when there is a fire.

## Surprise Party.

Miss Louise Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Murray, was very pleasantly surprised last Wednesday night by a number of her friends who met at seven o'clock at Mr. C. B. Cox's and went to the home of Mr. Murray. Delicious refreshments consisted of fruits, were carried by the boys while Mrs. Murray surprised the guests by serving cream. Rook and other progressive games were played while harmonious music was rendered by those most talented. Those present were: Misses Dorothy and Betsy Faucette, Martha and Lucie Page, Anna Dare and Catherine Elder, Celeste Isley, Lela Lamb, Bessie May Walker, Carrie Meade Fix, Catherine and Jimmy Cox, Grace Isley, Ava Heritage, Verrona Smith and Grace Moore; Messrs. Raymond Barrette, Buck Bradley, Joseph and McGee Fix, Vernand Hatch, Kenneth Isley, Burton Smith, Doyle Heritage and Marvin Isley.

partment will loan four milk scales, with record blanks and books for keeping a record for the production of cows throughout the school year. The school will also be loaned a Babcock tester for determining the butter fat in the milk. The estimates of profits may be made with the assistance of the teacher. A complete library of about twenty-five volumes on dairy farming will be furnished each school for the use of the pupils and parents.

Hawfields School is beginning some industrial work. About two hours a week will be given over to this work. Mrs. Goodman has kindly loaned an oil stove and will take charge of a cooking class. Miss Joyce will teach sewing. Miss Clegg will have basketry with the little boys, and Mr. Johnson some agricultural work with the older boys.

Mr. L. C. Brogdon, State Supervisor of Rural Schools, will spend some time in Alamance this week. He will speak to the patrons of Spring on Wednesday night; to those of Maywood on Thursday night, and to those of Mahan Friday night.

Many of the schools are improving their equipment by box parties and voting contests, etc. These schools are asked to report to the county papers and to the Superintendent's Office all social meetings held.

## Safe Crackers Visit Hillsboro.

Hillsboro, Dec. 11.—Hillsboro last night was visited by safe crackers. The Southern depot was the point of attack. It was a very artistic job and the getaway seems complete. The only saving circumstance was that the safe contained only \$21.

The entry is supposed to have been made about 1 o'clock this morning. This much is learned from the watchman at the Eno Cotton Mills, who was awake and on his rounds at the time of the explosion. It is supposed that nitroglycerine was the agent used. The explosion did not disturb the people living within 50 yards of the depot.

The safe was completely demolished. The papers were scattered over the room and the \$21 gone.

Edward H. Dew, the agent, stated that he had not gone over the papers but that one or two drawers containing very valuable records were gone. Everything was left exactly in the condition in which it was found this morning, awaiting the arrival of certain railroad officials who came today to inspect the scene.

Nothing which could be called a clue has as yet been discovered, though, of course, certain citizens recall having seen yesterday suspicious characters on the street.

Charlie Rogers, the man who was sent to the asylum at Raleigh, from this county some weeks ago, escaped yesterday and got as far home as Hillsboro. He went by the sheriff's office to pay his respects to Sheriff Bain and was taken into custody. He was returned tonight.

When Mr. Rogers was first taken into custody, on the complaint of relatives, the officers went to his home and found him pulling corn. He was brought to Hillsboro awaiting a communication from the asylum. When Sheriff Bain started with him he told him to give him his money and he would put it in the bank for him. Rogers went down in his jeans and pulled out \$7,500.

## John Fogleman Begins 30-Year Term in Few Days.

Greensboro, Dec. 9.—John Fogleman was this afternoon surrendered to the sheriff of Guilford county, and will be carried to the State Penitentiary within a few days to begin serving his term of 30 years in the penitentiary for the murder of W. H. Tucker, a "blind tiger" detective, last spring. Fogleman was surrendered to the sheriff just after the noon recess.

Solicitor Bower called to the court's attention the opinion of the Supreme Court affirming the judgment of the lower court, and Judge Shaw entered an order carrying into effect the sentence at the June term.

Fogleman is considered lucky to have escaped the electric chair. He was known for a long time as the "blind tiger king" and was under indictment in a number of cases for retailing when he shot and killed Tucker, a man employed as detective in blind tiger cases.

Federal Court is still engaged in the case of ex-Secretary of the Treasury, Leslie M. Shaw against the Piedmont Carolina Railway Company, of Salisbury, in which they plaintiff asks for judgment for \$3,000 on notes held against the company and its officers, who were endorsers. The case will probably get to the jury tomorrow.

## Zimmerman-Sheppard.

Greensboro, Dec. 10.—At Grace M. P. Church yesterday evening at 6:15 o'clock a quiet, though beautiful event occurred, when Miss Annie Zimmerman, of Gibsonville, was happily united in marriage to Jacob N. Sheppard, also of Gibsonville. Rev. J. R. Hutton officiated. The ceremony was witnessed by only a few intimate friends and relatives. Those present were Miss Mattie Watson, of Graham; Miss Nannie Isley, of Richmond, Va.; Miss Rubie Michael, of Elon College; Miss Estelle Jones, of this city. Misses Cleo Wagner, Sallie Sheppard and W. J. Sheppard and Dr. H. Boone, all of Gibsonville, and J. W. Summers and George Hornbuckle, of Whitsett.

The bride is a young woman possessed of many good traits of character and is highly respected by all who know her. The groom is a popular young merchant of Gibsonville. Their many friends wish them every happiness in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard left last night on the 7:30 o'clock train for a few days' trip to southern cities. They will be at home after December 12 at Gibsonville.

## Chloroformed Young Lady and Cut off Her Hair.

Asheville, Dec. 9.—Sheriff's deputies with bloodhounds are seeking an unknown brute, who late yesterday afternoon attacked Miss Altha Creasman, the daughter of Thomas Creasman, at her home in the northern section of the county, slashing her about the hands with a knife, chloroforming her and cutting her tresses from her head. A purse on her dresser, containing \$3.15, was robbed. No other advances were made towards the girl, it is said.

According to the statement of the young woman, who regained consciousness last night, she was in the house alone when the man, wearing a mask, entered. Her father was at work in a field a long distance away and no one was within hearing distance. While standing before her dresser, she felt the intruder grasp her from behind and he threw her on the floor. In an effort to get away she grasped at him, whereupon he stabbed her across the right hand with a knife. At this point, the chloroform was applied and the young woman doesn't remember anything else. However, when she awoke, she discovered that her hair had been clipped. A search of the house by the sheriff's officers failed to reveal any trace of the tresses. They were not hurried, and it is thought that the brute carried them away.

Mr. Creasman is the owner of much property and is very wealthy. His daughter is one of the handsomest of the North Buncombe young women. Her mother died about six months ago, and she has been keeping house for her father since.

## Basnight Pronounced Incompetent by Inspector.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The post office inspector who went to Newbern to look into the office there has reported. His report indicates incompetent and indifferent service on the part of former Postmaster J. S. Basnight.

Four ministers of the Newbern churches speaking as Democrats have protested to the President against the removal of Basnight. Representative Faison, who conducted the fight against Basnight, is going after other Republicans in his district. He may ask for the resignation of the assistant postmaster at Newbern.

President Wilson will be invited to spend his vacation at Asheville. He will go away as soon as the currency bill is out of the way.

## Death of Mrs. Jane Sharpe.

Mrs. Jane Sharpe died Monday night at the home of her son, Mr. W. A. J. Sharpe, on R. F. D. No. 7, with whom she resided. She was eighty-eight years old. The funeral services were conducted Wednesday at Mt. Harmon Church by Rev. Whitaker. She is survived by one son and three daughters, Mr. W. A. J. Sharpe, and Mesdames, Jas. A. Sharpe, W. B. Sharpe, and Jacob L. Neese.

A lady much loved and respected has passed to her reward.

## Death of Mr. A. J. McAuley.

Mr. A. J. McAuley died at his home near Mebane on December 10th, 1913, after an illness of 10 days. He was about 69 years of age. He leaves a wife, one son, George; one daughter, Mrs. John Isley; three brothers, two sisters and host of friends.

The body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Union Ridge on Monday. The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Swaim, and Rev. T. W. Stroud. A good man has gone.

## New Doctor Locates Here.

Dr. Hubertus C. Edwards, colored, of Berton, N.C., arrived here during the past few days for the practice of his profession. He is a man of a good education and as he is the only colored doctor in town it appears to us that he should do well. For the past year or more not since the departure of Dr. Fisher, Burlington has not had a colored physician. It appears to us that our town is in much better condition at present to support a negro doctor than when Dr. Fisher was here as the negro gets much better pay for his work at present.

"Does the baby talk yet," asked a friend of the family of the little brother.

"Naw," replied the little brother, disgustedly. "He don't need to talk. All he has to do is yell, and he gets everything in the house worth having."

## Shoots His Mother and Sister.

Curtis Koonts, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Koonts, who live about two miles from Lexington on Route No. 4, shot his mother and little sister Saturday afternoon by accident, seriously wounding the child and causing his mother much suffering.

The family was engaged in picking cotton. Young Curtis, who is about 18 years old, had brought his shotgun to the field with him so as to be ready for any emergency, if his dogs should find game in the fields or woods nearby, and he set the gun down beside a persimmon tree.

Several members of the family were in the field, all working in a bunch, and not more than 25 or 30 feet away from the tree, where the gun stood. One of the dogs jumped a rabbit and Curtis ran for his gun. He picked it up and as he turned around his toe caught under a root and he fell. In his fall the gun was accidentally discharged and the mother and little sister were shot. Mrs. Koonts received a score or more of shot in the leg, while the child was literally peppered with shot from head to foot.

It was feared at first that the child's injuries were serious, but at last accounts she was resting well, with every prospect of recovery. While Mrs. Koonts wounds are painful, they are not serious.

## Elon's Basket Ball Schedule and Other Quint Dope.

Elon College, Dec. 11.—Two games of basket ball on the local floor—one with the strong aggregation of the Greensboro Y. M. C. A., and the other with the gentlemanly quint of Atlantic Christian College—have been sufficient to stir up high hopes in the hearts of the basket ball enthusiasts here that Elon's part this year is to be a winner of the championship or a close second.

The guards, Bradford and Morriette, will give any forwards in the State a hard tussle to score on them. The Greensboro fast quint went through all but five minutes of the two halves before getting a single field goal and the boys from Wilson only got one in the entire game to their credit, and that was due to a mistaken signal in the heat of action. The two forwards, Newman and Johnson, are tried and tested experts at their posts, having already won many laurels for themselves in previous years. Atkinson, the big center, is as wary as he is big and brawny. No center in this section can outclass him.

Then as substitutes are Miller, who has developed into a player of great skill and who gave the guards a hard chase for their regular positions; Holland, sub-forward; McCauley, sub-center, but good anywhere, and many others who give large promise for future years.

The following schedule is yet to be played—Trinity, at Durham, Dec. 12; Carolina, at Chapel Hill, Dec. 13; Trinity, at home, Dec. 15; Wofford, at home, Jan. 12; Wake Forest, at Wake Forest, Jan. 16; A. and M., at Raleigh, Jan. 17; Guilford, at Guilford, Jan. 24; A. and M., at home, Jan. 28; Carolina, at home, Jan. 31; Lynchburg Y. M. C. A., at Lynchburg, Feb. 3; Emory and Henry, at Emory, Feb. 4; V. P. I., at Blacksburg, Feb. 5; Roanoke College, at Salem, Feb. 6; The Greensboro Y. M. C. A., at Greensboro, Feb. 14; Wake Forest, at home, Feb. 16; Guilford, at home, Feb. 21.

## A Cruel Joke.

A high-spirited girl played a cruel joke on her mother, and this is how it happened. She found a love letter that her father had actually written to her mother in the halcyon days of their courtship. She read the letter to her mother substituting her own name and that of her lover. The mother raved with anger and stamped her foot in disgust, forbidding her daughter to have anything to do with a man who would write such nonsensical stuff to a girl. The girl then gave the letter to her mother to read, and the house became suddenly so quiet that they could hear the cat tinkling in the back yard.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Who has been into this bag of cakes?" asked Mrs. Homebody.

"I didn't touch one," exclaimed Johnny.

"Well, how is it that there is only one left out of six I had in there?" demanded Mrs. Homebody.

"That's the one I did not touch," explained Johnny.

## U. S. Court To Pass On Thaw's Sanity.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 9.—Judge Edgar Aldrich ruled today that the mental condition of Harry K. Thaw must be determined in the Federal courts. The court's announcement was made at the hearing on Thaw's petition for bail.

Attorneys for Thaw, who are attempting to prevent the extradition of their client through habeas corpus proceedings in the United States District court, and counsel for New York State had agreed that the charge of conspiracy to escape from the insane asylum at Matteawan, N. Y., was a bailable offense, when the question of whether the prisoner if admitted to bail, would be a menace to the community was raised by William T. Jerome, special deputy attorney general for New York.

"We have very radical objections to turning Thaw on the community to which he would be a peril," said Mr. Jerome.

Judge Aldrich held that before the question of bail was decided it would be necessary to determine the prisoner's mental condition to the satisfaction of the United States District Court.

"The constitutional questions involved in this case," he added, "are of such importance that I shall not pass upon them myself but shall forward them as promptly as possible to the Supreme Court of the United States."

The constitutional questions are concerned with Thaw's extradition, his status in New York and his status in New Hampshire.

## Mr. Daughtridge Hears Plea of the Bride, Won't Honor Requisition.

Raleigh, Dec. 11.—Acting Governor Daughtridge heard the plea of the bride in the case today and declined to honor the requisition from the Governor of New York, for Amen Howey, now of Winston-Salem, wanted in New York City on the charge of enticing away and marrying a girl under 18 years of age. The bride, who was Miss Annie Dave, of New York, was here with her husband, counsel and other friends to resist requisition. Her story of the case caused the action Governor Daughtridge took. She told him that her stepfather was attempting to compel her to marry another man who had given her \$400 to force the marriage. He locked her up, deprived her of food, had a priest to attempt to persuade her to marry the man and failing in this they had planned to sail with her back to the old country, (she being an Assyrian) where the marriage they had agreed upon could be forced in spite of her refusal. They were to have sailed, she said, on Tuesday before she and Howey ran away on Saturday, September 16. They reached Winston-Salem September 17, procured her license the next day and were married September 19.

Howey and his bride were accompanied here by counsel, Mr. Womble, of Manly, Henderson, & Womble, and by A. Day, prominent merchant of the Twin City, who made a statement of the facts as he knew them and vouched for the high character of Howey and his bride. The extradition papers charged that the girl was only 13 years and 10 months old, but she insisted that she was over 18. Governor Daughtridge and others concluded that she looked to be fully 18.

## Salome Danced When 11.

Theodore Reinach has made some interesting discoveries as a result of 10 years constant study of the coins of Kikopolis the capital of Little Armenia, whose last king, Aristobulos, was the husband of the famous Salome, whose dancing cost John, the Baptist, his head. Reinach, though a new interpretation of the coins, has found it possible to clear up unknown particulars of the life of Aristobulos and of Salome, and at the same time the savant gives a complete description of the personal appearance of the dancing girl, supported by conclusive facts pieced together by great labor and patience. She must have been of really bewitching beauty. Her nose was straight, her forehead high, and her bust, compared with the circumference of her hips, was unusually full and large. Her husband was, on the contrary, quite homely. His face reveals signs of dullness of the mind and brutality, says Reinach. An accurate study of the dates of the coins proves that when Salome made her famous dance before her father, Herod, she must have been a child of only about 11 years, but girls of that age were often wives during the time of Herod and Aristobulos.