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The Compulsory School Law.

The General Assembly of 1917 amended the compulsory school law by raising the age limit to fourteen years instead of twelve years as heretofore. This change in the law becomes effective Sept. 1, 1917. As copies of the school law containing this amendment have been sent out only within the last few days, special attention is called to the fact that now all children between the ages of eight and fourteen years must attend school four months in each year. The following extracts are taken from the school law of 1917.

Sec. 1. Every parent, guardian, or other person in the state of North Carolina having charge or control of a child or children between the ages of eight and fourteen years, shall cause said child or children to attend the local public school in the district, town or city in which he resides, continuously for four months of the school term of each year. This period of compulsory attendance for each public school shall commence at the beginning of the school term of said school.

Sec. 4. Any parent, guardian, or other person violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars, and upon refusal or failure to pay such fine said parent, guardian, or other person shall be imprisoned not to exceed thirty days in the county jail.

Sec. 5. The county board of education in each county shall appoint and remove at will an attendance officer in each township to enforce the provisions of this act. Prosecutions under this act shall be brought by the attendance officer in the name of the State of North Carolina before any justice of the peace, or police justice, or recorder of any county, town, or township, in which the person prosecuted resides.

It will be seen that all children between the ages of eight and fourteen years are now required by law to attend school continuously for the first four months of the school term. Also, that any person violating this law shall be prosecuted and fined.

The Boys Are Off to the War.

A hundred or more of our boys are off to the war. The modern way of carrying on a war is to depend upon the home folks to do their part in the way of furnishing supplies of a kind through the organization called the Red Cross. The Government has called upon the Red Cross to furnish knit goods for each soldier for use in the cold weather this coming winter. The Red Cross Societies of the country were apportioned their part of the work to be done. The Surry County Society was asked to knit 200 sets. Now we are told that the Society has agreed to knit 50 sets and that yarn for these 50 sets has been ordered. We are told that there is not money on hand to buy the yarn for the 200 sets.

Now that begins to look like we are in a nice way to fail to come up with our part. If this county does not get busy and raise the money necessary for the whole 200 sets and knit them in time for the boys it will be a stigma on the Red Cross Society that can never be allowed. Not while men are riding for pleasure and spending time at resorts and owning fat bank accounts can we ever afford to not come up with our part. And we will, once we see it in the right light. What the men in the lead need to do is to let each member of the Society know just what it takes to get up the necessary fund to buy enough yarn to make the whole 200 sets.

No member of the Red Cross can afford to not come up with his or her part of the necessary funds, and they will come across once they are informed. And once the women of this

county know that they are expected to make 200 sets they will not rest satisfied with only a part of their apportionment.

And so get busy and let the people who have joined the Red Cross know what is expected of them, and let each member know how much money he is expected to contribute to this fund for buying the yarn. Then once the yarn is bought let the women of the county know that the yarn is here and that they are expected to do the work of knitting the garments.

It is an easy job and every man and woman in the county will do his part if they are once made to know what that part is.

A FREE COUNTRY

This is a free country, and so everlastingly free that we have a lot of citizens who practically do as they please. One trouble is that so many of our officials who belong to the executive department of our government and who are expected to enforce the laws, are politicians and on the lookout for something better. The laws are thus often left unenforced. For it is often the case that the law breaker is a vote getter of no little importance.

Now we are living under a state administration that has enacted a law that requires every child between the ages of eight and fourteen to attend school four months in each year. That law has been on the books for four years, and yet here in Surry it has not been enforced. Next week we will be glad to publish the names of the officers who look after the attendance here in our town. If this law is not enforced in the future the people are going to know why.

Every one of the bright flags about town should be placed at half mast until that money is raised for every one of the 200 suits for the soldiers.

Mr. C. A. Holt of Greensboro is in the city in the interest of the government looking to the national defense from the standpoint of making the country safe from destructive fires. Your government is doing all it can to take care of all the wealth of the land and one way we lose much is by careless fires. Mr. Holt is inspecting the larger buildings with a view to seeing if there is danger of a great destruction by fire.

Famous Aviator Coming.

Arrangements have been made with the Young Aeroplane Company of New York City to have Walter J. Carr the world famous aviator, at Mount Airy during the Surry County Fair.

One of the big events of the Fair promises to be Aviator Carr in his wonderful Biplane, in which he does a sensational war feature.

In a recent issue of Los Angeles Times, that paper says that Carr is a modest man, who has very little to say but who does a lot of sensational flying. His stunts, together with his imitation of an Aviator falling makes any ones hair stand straight up.

The Havana, Cuba Post says, "Carr the American, who arrived in Havana and made his machine ready for the sensational over the city flights, as promised, as arranged for by the Post. His first flight on Saturday was unannounced. It was the intention of the Post to surprise our citizens and they certainly had the surprise of their lives. We have had Beachy, Moisant and many of the other famous fliers here, but never a Carr.

Carr flew over the city and out over the harbor, over the place where the Maine was sunk and dropped some floral pieces, then flew away, higher and higher, until he was almost out of sight, he then turned his plane downward and as he was apparently falling, came straight for the city.

Carr's engagement here has been the only successful one ever pulled off in Havana, all the others were financial failures, we attribute his success to the initial flight, and his daring to fly so near the water with his machine in dropping flowers over the location of the Maine.

Mr. Carr leaves tomorrow for Los Angeles, Cal., where he is to fly shortly. We all wish him the greatest success possible."

STORY OF A CRIME.

Killed His Man Years Ago and Must Now Come Back and Stand Trial.

Twelve years ago, or thereabouts, Logan Vernon met his neighbor, Ewel Rippley, in the road ten miles north of this city and shot him dead. Both were young men and the shooting was witnessed by three other persons. Just why Vernon committed the act no one has ever been able to explain, further than Vernon is supposed to have been under the influence of liquor.

Now Vernon, after all these years, is in jail in Pendleton, Oregon, and must come back here and answer for his crime.

The story goes that after the shooting his neighbor Vernon escaped from the country and all efforts to locate him proved unsuccessful. One story has it that an estate wound up caused him to write letters back that gave away his location.

After the crime Sheriff U. G. Belton, then a deputy sheriff, made much effort to locate him and arrest him, but all to no avail. As the years have passed Mr. Belton has tried to keep track of the fugitive, and more than once thought he had him located. Six months ago he got on a hot trail and found that he was in a town in Oregon passing under the name of J. B. Rash. Later he located him in Burrus, Oregon, but in each instance he was not able to make the arrest. Some weeks ago he again got on his trail and finally located him in Pendleton, Oregon, and was able to get his arrest made and have him locked up, to await his removal to the state of Virginia where he will answer for his act. Mr. Belton declines to give the source of his information because he would betray the confidence of parties who do not care to be known in the unfortunate affair in any way.

And so the Sheriff of Carroll county will leave today, Thursday, for the state of Oregon to bring Mr. Vernon back. The distance is about 3,400 miles and it will require about two weeks to make the trip and an expense to the state of Virginia of about \$250.00

The rewards offered by Carroll county and state of Virginia amount to about \$200.00 which will be paid to Sheriff Belton when Vernon is delivered back to his home county.

Dobson News Items.

Mr. Wade Hampton, of Washington, D. C., is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr and Mrs. W. W. Hampton.

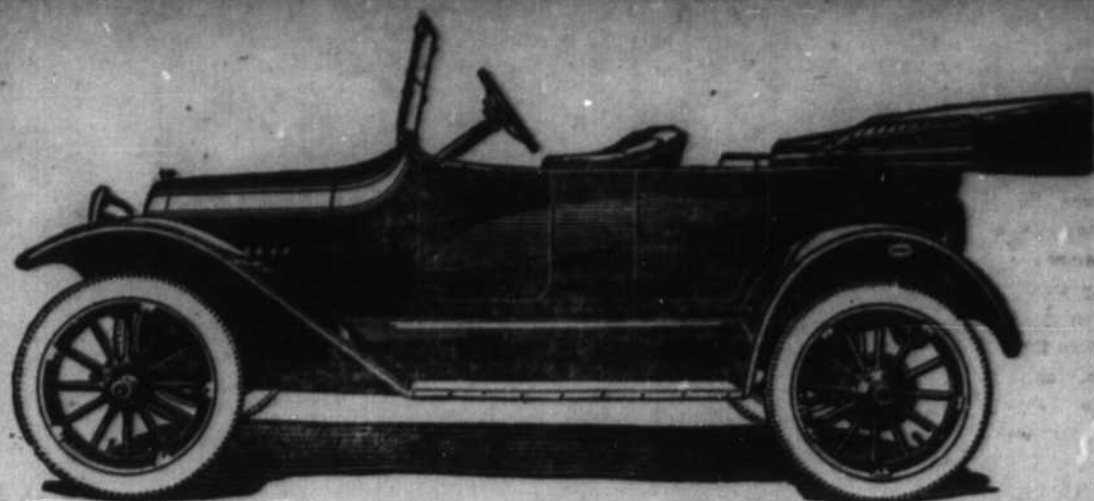
Lieutenants Robert Riggs and Claud Woltz, who have been home on a brief furlough, returned to Fort Oglethorpe last week.

Many of our local teachers are preparing to go away for this year's work. Misses Margaret Freeman, Lelia Cooper, Ruth Folger and Rachel Freeman will accept schools in some of our Eastern counties. Miss Annie Folger goes to White Plains, Miss Juliet Folger to Salem Fork and Mrs. Olevia Palmer near Mt. Airy. The faculty for the high school here has not been selected, except that Miss Gertrude Reece has accepted the position of teaching Domestic Science.

A one-day term of Superior Court was held here Monday of last week. Judge W. J. Adams, of Carthage, Moore county, presiding. No cases were tried. Some motions were heard several judgements signed and a Calendar for both terms of October court was arranged. There will be a one week Civil Term beginning October 1st, and a 2-weeks criminal and Civil term beginning October 23rd.

The Board of Education and, also, the board of County Commissioners were in regular session here last Monday. Among other things, the Board of Education made provision for holding the Teachers' Institute in the Baptist Church here. The Commissioners did nothing of importance save approve the usual batch of appropriations.

Dr. Moir S. Martin and Miss Margaret McLucas were here a short while Monday night. Dr. Martin lectured on public sanitation. Miss McLucas on canning club work.



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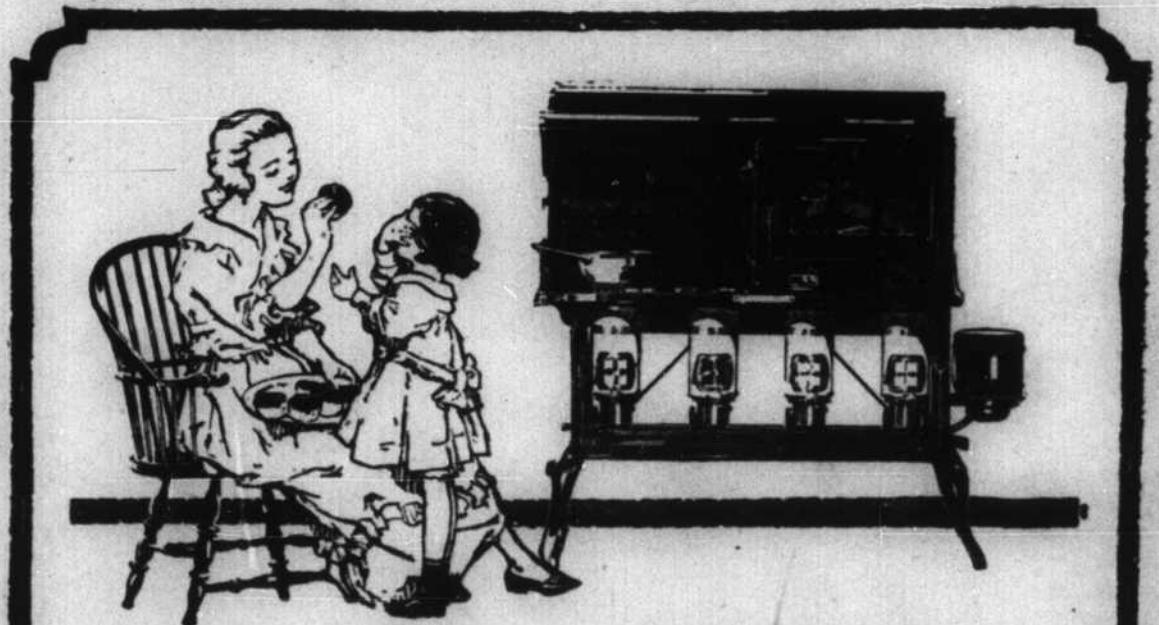
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