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SHALL WE LENGTHEN THE SCHOOLS

There is a strong demand in this state to lengthen the term of the public schools to eight months. The next legislature will be certain to be asked to make this change, and there will be opposition. First, there will be those who will oppose it for the reason that it will cost more to run the schools and the added cost will increase the taxes just that much.

When our schools were ten weeks long, and that was the term for years farmers and carpenters and just any body who would, were the teachers and the schools amounted to but little. The greatest incentive to making the school term longer is that teachers can then make teaching a profession and not have to make a crop between terms. Until teaching becomes a profession and teachers are able to make a living at the profession the schools will not be what they should be.

BUY MORE CLOTH

The big business men are planning to put on a drive to induce the American people to buy more cloth to bring relief to the cotton mills. The high price of cotton and labor has put the price of all kinds of cloth up so much higher than it once was that many people are buying much less than they once did.

PLAYGROUND NEEDED

Perhaps no one witnessed the beautiful pageant, given by the pupils of the primary schools Tuesday afternoon on the Kochitzky lawn without feeling anew the need for a community playground; it really seems that every town or city should have, and could afford to have a playground just for the sake of a place to hold May Day fetes and other public plays and yet when we think of all these graceful little tots and hundreds of others, some larger and some smaller, facing the summer vacation with no place to play but to dodge automobiles on the streets as they try to play ball, skate on roller skates or just play on the streets we long for a large playground with some shade where nurses can take the babies and keep them cool while the kiddies enjoy the sliding boards, swings, and other amusements or wade in the wading pool and the older children skate on their own skating rink, play ball or bathe in their own bathing pool.

O. B. Webb Getting Into The Fight

Many of our readers know that our townsman, O. B. Webb, is now chairman of the Republican party of old Surry, and he is getting into the fight early. Yes, he is getting an early start. But don't think everything is politics with O. B. yet. This time his fight is against that pest, the fly. And to be a leader in the battle he has just received a big shipment of fly swatters and will distribute them to the public free of charge. Every one who wants to join him in the fight on the fly is requested to call at his office and O. B. will furnish them with a liberal supply of swatters.

NEW ENTERPRISE ON FOOT

L. A. Pool, of this city, will know here as one of our best citizens is putting a new enterprise on its feet and in the future may develop it into something worth while. At odd times Mr. Pool is making brooms. He has a few pieces of modern machinery at his home and for a year he has been making a few brooms to learn the business and to feel his way before he launches a new broom factory.

He has developed skill in the business until he is able to make a broom that is superior to any thing that is for sale from the big factories, is the opinion of those who have used his make. Mr. Pool says that local capitalists have offered to finance the new enterprise if he will start it, but he wants to be sure of his ground before he starts. He has grown some broom-corn in connecting with his trucking business the past year, but finds that he can buy the material from the farmers of Tennessee cheaper than it can be grown here.

BOXWOODS WANTED

J. Luther Jones, of Booneville, N. C. is in the county buying up boxwood bushes for a nursery in Pennsylvania that makes a business of furnishing ornamental shrubbery for homes. Mr. Jones goes to old established homes where boxwood was planted years ago and if the owner will part with it it is dug up and shipped to points in the north and reset in lawns. Styles change in the way lawns are ornamented and just now there is a demand for this boxwood growth. It takes many years to grow it and rather than wait men of means are willing to go to the expense of securing it from old established homes.

City Buys Street Flusher

Welcome news! The city fathers in their regular meeting Tuesday night purchased a street flusher of the latest modern type to replace the old and obsolete water wagon that has so long served the city as a sprinkler. The new machine is a three-ton General Motor truck mounted with a 750 gallon water tank. The water will be pumped out of this tank with a separate motor driven pump at a high pressure that will wash all dirt from the paved streets into the gutters. It is also fitted with a sprinkler attachment to be used for sprinkling the dirt streets of the city. The outfit cost about \$7,000 and is the last word in street cleaning equipment and is supposed to meet the needs of this city for years to come. Delivery will be made in about 60 days.

John Banner Sells Warehouse Interest

A trade has just been completed in this city that will be of interest to a large number of people of this section whereby J. W. Lovill becomes sole owner and proprietor of Banner Warehouse. For several years Banner Warehouse has been conducted by John Banner and J. W. Lovill but by the deal just consummated Mr. Banner retires from the tobacco business, and will devote his time to looking after his various interests in this city. Formerly the Broadway Theatre building and the warehouse were jointly owned by Banner & Lovill but in the trade Mr. Banner takes over the show building and Mr. Lovill remains the Warehouse.

It has been the practice of Mr. Lovill to spend the summer in South Carolina where he is interested in the warehouse business, but in talking to a News reporter, he states that he expects to spend the summer in this city and section working in the interest of his warehouse here and getting his organization complete for the fall business.

Back Broken in Auto Wreck

Bealey Chandler, a young man of this city is in Martin Memorial hospital with a broken back with small chance of recovery, and should he survive his accident will doubtless go through life a helpless cripple. Chandler was injured in an auto wreck Sunday night on the White Plains road when the car he was riding in collided with a large Buick driven by Ernest Briggs. Chandler owns a new Ford car and was out driving with some of his friends, among them being Jap Boyd, a former jitney driver of this city, but who has been in West Virginia for several months. It is reported that Boyd was drinking to excess and during the afternoon forced or persuaded Chandler to let him drive.

Just as the car he was driving turned down the hill in front of where Rev. T. W. Wooten lives it met Briggs in his Buick and the two cars headed right into each other. The front axles of both cars were almost torn from the frame and the Ford was turned over. After the accident it was found that Chandler had been seriously injured, while the other occupants of the car escaped with minor injuries. Up to this writing the officers have made no arrests over the matter.

Federal Court Jurors From Surry

The regular term of Federal court will meet in Greensboro the first Monday in June. The following citizens from this county have been drawn to serve as jurors: W. A. York, Round Peak; R. E. Trulove, Shoals; I. O. Wallace, Kapps Mill, W. B. Williams, Rusk.

LIQUOR CHEAP AND SCARCE

The supply of liquor in these parts is scarce and the price is getting about right, that is if you are fortunate enough to know where to find it. The officers of the law have been doing their duty so well in this part of the country of late that the liquor folks are cautious as they have never been before. They have found that it is extremely risky to try to transport the stuff about the country and many old blockaders are no longer willing to take the risk. They are willing to make it, and in doing this they take all kinds of precaution in the way of location, time of the year and placing guards about the place of manufacture to warn of any approach.

One man who knows the ways of the blockader recently remarked that no one can make liquor now and get by with it. It takes a whole neighborhood, he said to make liquor successfully. And there are but few sections where a neighborhood can be found where all the people are in sympathy with the liquor business. But strange to say, there are yet a few places where public sentiment has not yet penetrated and where the folks are about all in sympathy with the liquor business.

We heard recently of a man who had risked his freedom and made a hundred gallons of what he called good corn liquor, but he was not willing to risk his freedom by hauling it here to his market town and try to sell it in that way. So he went about among his neighbors and tried to sell it in five gallon lots at \$3 the gallon.

We heard another interesting story of how another man is planning to make a little fortune when the woods get green. For, he it known, about the time the woods get green the folks are all busy planting their crops and have but little time to prow about the woods with gun and dogs or with fish-hook and line. And so when the woods get green this man we have in mind plans to make his last year's apple crop into brandy. Last year's apples mind you. He gets credit for having on hand right now several hundred bushels of apples that are keeping as well as apples can keep at this time of the year, and he will not haul a bushel to market, neither will he sell them at his home. The story goes that he will erind them up into proper form for fermentation and then mix in some brown sugar—brown sugar is the best and then he can get a gallon of brandy from two bushels of apples. He expects to be able to sell the brandy at his home for \$6 the gallon. All this is to be done when the woods get green. Now, providing that he gets by with all his plans, he is in for making a nice little sum of money.

Putting all these facts together, and no doubt there is some truth in these reports, it appears that the men who make liquor are getting their eyes open to the fact that their business is no longer a safe and sure plan for securing the daily bread.

Franklin School to Have New Building

The County Board of Education last Monday authorized the erection of a new school building near Cross Roads, west of this city, known as the Franklin school. The building will be of brick, one story with basement, and will contain 10 class rooms with a commodious auditorium. When completed it will be one of the most modern types of school buildings being built in the state. The erection and equipment of the building will cost about \$25,000.00. The funds for this work are being loaned to this district by the state and are to be paid back in yearly installments. This district some time ago voted a special tax levy to care for this expenditure. Bids have been called for its erection and the work will begin within the next few weeks.

Captain Vance Haynes Completes Long Trip by Airplane

Sheriff and Mrs. C. H. Haynes of this city are in receipt of a letter from their son, Capt. C. Vance Haynes, informing them of his return to his base at Washington, D. C. Capt. Haynes is one of the nation's best aviators and has been making an inspection tour of western United States by airplane. The trip of inspection required about three weeks and during its course he travelled more than 4,000 miles by airplane. Capt. Haynes was seriously considered as one of the round-the-world aviators but was eliminated on account of having already taken a long cruise and the war department wanted to divide the cruises equally among its leading aviators.

Geo. Atkins Case Thrown Out of Court

In the Superior Court at Dobson last week the case against Geo Atkins and Sanford Marion was not proseed after the Judge had heard the evidence of the prosecuting witnesses. These farmers, who live near White Plains, were charged with destroying the plant bed of Walter Draughn, but when the state had put all its evidence before the jury at Dobson last week the Judge ordered the case dropped as not having sufficient merit to go to a jury for a verdict.

Busy Day in Recorder's Court

The Recorder's Court had a full day of cases Tuesday and several defendants drew jail sentences. Judge Lowaltyn sent three up for 30 days for being drunk, to-wit: B. H. Taylor, Galtier Williams and Robt. McCraw. Appeals were taken by the defendants.

Jake McCreeary paid the cost for having liquor in his possession and is not to be found drunk in two years, else a road sentence goes into effect.

Click Wagener paid the cost for engaging in an affray. Britt Flemming, for being drunk, was sentenced to eight months in jail, and fined \$25. Jail sentence suspended on god behavior.

Rob Childress, Walter Mahone and M. H. Davis paid the cost for being drunk.

Claud Jones was fined \$1 and the cost for selling goods on Sunday. Jones runs a hot lunch stand, and was charged with selling cigarettes on Sunday.

Mrs. Penn Bowman was before the court for selling liquor. She was sentenced to 15 months in jail and fined \$100. Jail sentence not to take effect if she leaves the county and remains away for three years.

Tom Witt was fined \$100 for having liquor for the purpose of sale. In addition to the fine he is under a 12 months suspended sentence for good behavior to be shown every four months for two years by E. L. Brown and W. L. Gwyn.

Stewart Bailey, for possessing and transporting liquor, was fined \$20, in addition to a 60 day jail sentence which is not to take effect if he abstains from drinking or transporting liquor for two years.

T. H. Brown paid the cost for the reckless operation of an automobile. Ray Parker paid the cost for leaving his engine running while his auto was parked on the streets.

Albert Sapp, of Concord, paid the cost for giving a worthless check to J. W. Haynes. He made good the check for \$18, and judgment was suspended.

Henry Massey, colored, paid \$50 for carrying a concealed weapon.

Clotis Johnson was convicted of gambling and paid the cost.

Roland Mitchell was let off with the cost for having liquor on his person.

E. Stewart colored, must be good for two years or serve six months in jail. Ed was up for assaulting his wife, but promised he will be good hereafter.

Street Work Progressing

J. B. McCreary Company have finished the grading on Church and Wilson streets and have moved the force of hands to Lebanon street and will begin pouring concrete on that street some time this week. The lower end of Lebanon will be poured in half width sections so traffic up the Fancy Gap road can go out South Street and into Lebanon while the work is in progress. The city authorities are splitting the work in this way rather than require the traffic down the Fancy Gap road to detour over the old Fancy gap road and to town by the depot.

The city's force have roped off North Main street below the dry bridge and are putting a coat of asphalt on that section. For some time they have been filling up all holes in the street on Main and Franklin with concrete and now a two inch layer of asphalt will be spread over the entire surface. Traffic up Main is being detoured at West Elm, out South and back into Main at Taylor street.

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