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The suggestion made by Dr. Holt that Warren county have an "all-time" Health Officer is a good suggestion. In this day of progress and science the trend of thought should be towards preventing diseases, rather than waiting to get real sick and send for your physician. It would be the duty of the County Health officer to visit the schools of the county and inspect and prescribe for all children needing medical attention; to give free public health lectures to all of the whole county. They have such an officer in Vance and many other counties and valuable work is being done. The grave question in the way of the accomplishment of this work is lack of funds. If the dog tax funds could be applied to this purpose, we believe our folks would willingly pay the tax, and supplement the fund from other sources; rather than apply it to lengthen the school term from one to seven days.

The United States Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of the Webb-Kenyon law which prohibits delivery of whiskey and other intoxicants to citizens residing in a "dry" State when the laws of that state make it unlawful. Under the present State law citizens may receive quart shipments every two weeks, and until that act is repealed (which looks now to be headed that way) quart shipments may be continued. The trend in all the States and even in the District of Columbia (right where the boys have been making their Mint Juleps) is to prohibit the sale of whiskey.

We have not seen the bill and only have our information from those who have been to Raleigh; but we understand that the DOG LAW has been amended in accordance with the petitions presented to Mr. Daniel. That is to say: River, Judkins and Roanoke petitioned to repeal by overwhelming majority; the remaining ten townships petitioned to amend to One dollar on males and two dollars on females, and tax payable in October. Our informant says that the adjoining counties to Warren are having a dog tax more stringent than the one Mr. Daniels has amended.

A bill for the creation of a Highway Commission to have charge of the Highways of the County has been passed by the Legislature.

A bill appointing two members on the Board of Education for Warren county has been introduced by Mr. Daniel and passed through the House. Senator Mc. Coin took charge in the Senate, and the bill is now the law, having been ratified this week.

The Game law has not been changed; but there is a probable change extending the limit to March 1st, instead of February 1st. The counties of Franklin, Vance, Northampton and Halifax are endeavoring to get together on a law with Warren county which will be uniform.

THE RECORDERS COURT

The evidence of a saving from the establishment of the RECORDER'S COURT is very convincing, to say nothing of the relief to the man in Jail. We understand that the cost for Jail fees has been reduced from about \$600.00 to \$120.00, and that the total saving to the County will be around \$1,000.00

MEETING OF BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health met at ten o'clock Monday morning, it being the second Monday in January and the time fixed by law for "The first meeting." Messrs P. M. Stallings, John W. Allen and Howard F. Jones were present. Doctors Peete and Morton who were appointed members of said Board; failed to qualify. Thereupon a question of law arose as to the legal right of Messrs. Stallings, Allen and Jones to appoint their physician BEFORE their first annual meeting and before the time expired for the original appointees to act—they having the power to accept and resign a dozen times within that date, and no power except the Board having authority to accept their resignations, and no date fixed by statute law for the meeting and organization of the Board before the SECOND Monday in January for the purpose of accepting resignations, or making rules or regulations of any kind or nature, or performing any other duty. Mr. Jones holding the above view of his duty under the law moved that all action taken at a meeting held on January 6th be rescinded and the minutes of said meeting be stricken from the record. This motion was amended that the Board ratify the action taken at a meeting held on January 6th. The amendment carried, Messrs. Allen and Stallings voting "aye", and Mr. Jones "No." Thereupon Doctors Holt and Perry came forward by virtue of their appointment on January 6th, and took their places as members of the Board. The first question before the Board was the election of a County Physician. Mr. Jones nominated the then incumbent, Doctor G. H. Macon, Mr. Allen seconded the nomination of Dr. Macon; Doctor Holt nominated Doctor C. H. Peete, Doctor Perry seconded the nomination of Dr. Peete. The Chairman cast the deciding vote for Dr. Peete.

Doctor Holt stated that he felt that we should have an "all-time" Health Officer; that the County State and National Government were contributing to a fund to look after stock—treat HOGS; then why should not Warren county have an officer qualified to treat and prevent diseases in CHILDREN at the public expense? He thereupon moved that the Board meet in joint session with the Board of Commissioners on the first Monday in February for the purpose of discussing ways and means by which Warren county should have a physician employed all his time to look after the public health, including sanitation and public inspection of school children and school premises. Dr. Gid H. Macon, who was present, heartily endorsed Doctor Holt's suggestion and said he had taken the matter up with the State Board of Health from time to time, but the time seemed not to be ripe for the necessary expenditures; that he was not nor would be a candidate for that position, but heartily endorsed Dr. Holt's suggestion. Doctor Macon has made a splendid County Physician, serving his first term with the entire approval of the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Health. Dr. Peete is thoroughly qualified for the position, and has a large number of friends who wish for him success in his new official duties. The fitness of neither of the candidates for the position nor of either of the physicians proposed for membership on the Board has been called in question; their qualification is admitted; the personality of neither of the candidates, nor friendship entered into the matter—for both are friends of the writer; but the question of taking out of office, after only ONE term, an efficient, economical official endorsed by the entire membership of the Board of Commissioners, and by the entire membership of the Board of Health, who placed him in office, was a question which should be decided upon its merits without fear or favor, and therefore the writer voted to sustain the incumbent.

CHANGES IN SCHOOL MACHINERY

Superintendent Joyner, the head of education in this State and leader of the school forces made recommendations to the Legislature through his Annual report to Governor Craig worthy of the careful consideration of the General Assembly. In the matter of the uniform certifica-

tion and examination of teachers and superintendents there is much to commend. We should be opposed to an unsympathetic central board examining and grading teachers from questions propounded by men or women who are not engaged in teaching and not in personal contact at any time with the applicant. However, Mr. Joyner's proposed bill remedies this very serious objection by creating a board whose duties brings its membership to each county in the state for a two weeks Institute where all of the teachers meet and have two weeks of personal touch with the examiners. At the end of this Institute an examination is held and the examiners know "Miss Mary Smith's fitness for applying her knowledge of text books, and the thoroughness of that knowledge, and by inquiry from all available sources find out the degree of success she has had in her work. This Board will not cost the State one penny more than the present institutes now cost, and this character of examining board would remedy a very serious defect in the present method of examination, and give a Certificate worth something as a standard, of education, and good all over the State. With practical men and women coming to Warren and other counties, meeting the teachers and associating for two weeks in an Institute should give the very best knowledge of fitness and adaptability to the very trying and difficult work of teaching in our rural schools.

There should be an earnest effort to increase the High School appropriation. The State is suffering for lack of schools adapted to taking our boys and girls from the seventh grade and preparing them for College—to bridge a gap which heretofore has been bridged by the wealthy through private funds; but should be bridged by public funds in the interest of all the people. This character of High school will give the poor boy an opportunity to meet the rich boy at the College door with a preparation equal to the best—and "the poor ye shall have with you always."

We doubt the expediency, the democracy and wisdom of a State Board being formed for the purpose of appointing members on the Board of Education for each county. It is taking away from the school patron that partnership which should exist between the payment of his school taxes and the privilege of saying who shall administer the trust. It will not remove from factional or partisan politics one single appointment. Knowledge of the character and fitness of each proposed member of the County Boards will have to come to the State appointing power through local sources—and it opens a wide door for "pull," petition and favoritism. We are of the opinion that the people should say who is to disburse their taxes, and who is to levy (indirectly) special county school taxes, and not a Body responsible to 100 different representatives from the different counties for its creation, and knowing nothing of local conditions; for we presume the General Assembly would be asked to create the "Central Board". The selection of a Superintendent of Schools could be left to a "Central Board" with far greater degree of satisfaction to the tax payers, than the selection of members of the Board of Education of the county. Take it all in all the Senator and the Representative from a County are better judges of the fitness for membership upon the Board of Education than any other citizens, and they have the power to carry out the suggestion of a bi-partisan board if in their wisdom the harmony of school administration will be promoted thereby.

COUNTY SCHOOL CENSUS TAKER

One of the best bills introduced by Hon. S. G. Daniel is the bill creating the office of County School Census taker. It is known by all the school folks—the teachers and superintendent of schools especially—that is a difficult matter to get the school census. The law heretofore has been that the Committeemen had the census taken, either by one of their own number or by some person designated by them. The result of this method was that the taking of the census was delayed in many cases and not accurately taken in others, and in many cases not delivered to the teachers "before the opening of the school," as the law directs. The

law heretofore fixed the compensation for taking the census at three cents per name and ordered the census taken each year. Under Mr. Daniel's bill the census is taken once in two years (biennially) and the compensation is six cents per name. It is evident that this office of Census taker is no additional cost to the County. The advantages are that we have a "true and accurate Census of the children between the age of 8 and 12 years; an accurate record of children between the ages of 12 and 21 who can read and write, and adults above 21 years of age who cannot read and write"—for the bill requires the Census taker to go in person to every home in the County, and prevent the Superintendent from paying his order for services until he makes cath to that effect.

GRAND SWEEPSTAKES

A Warren County boy wins all prizes in the Pig Club Contest. Mr. Joe Fleming wins prize offered by Mr. Shay, the Gold Medal offered by the Progressive Farmer, and the prize offered here for best pig on day of exhibition. The Warren Record offers congratulations to Mr. Joe Fleming and to the county for carrying off all honors; to the Bank of Warren who donated the Pig; to County Demonstrator F. B. Newell, who encouraged the formation of the Pig Club and gave his assistance, and to Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Fleming, his parents who so loyally encouraged their son in an effort to have the best. The following letter to Joe from Mr. Shay explains itself:

January 3, 1917.
Mr. Joe Fleming,
Warrenton, R. F. D. 1,
North Carolina.
My Dear Joe:-

I am very glad to inform you that you made the highest total score on the year's work in the Pig Club. This entitles you to a three-months old, registered Duroc Jersey pig (your choice of sex,) offered by W. W. Shay, Cruso, N. C.

I have written Mr. Shay that you are entitled to the pig and that you would write him, telling whether you wish a boar or sow. Mr. Shay will forward the pig upon receipt of your letter.

You have also won the gold medal offered by the Progressive Farmer to the winner in the Pig Club work. I am writing the Progressive Farmer to send you this.

I hope you will remain in the work another year and strive for even greater success.

With best wishes, I am,
Very truly yours,
B. P. FOLK,
N. C. Pig Club Agt.

PIG CLUB WINNERS FOR 1916.

Scoring 91.9 on his year's work, Joe Fleming, of Warrenton, R. No. 1, won first prize in the Pig Club contests for the year 1916. Joe raised his pig at a cost of 5.5 cents per pound of gain, and calculated that it gained 1.3 pounds per day for a period of 2.40 days. The animal was a pure-bred Duroc-Jersey sow and was placed by the Bank of Warren.—Extension Farm News.

THE NEW PASTOR

(Contributed, but endorsed editorially)

The new pastor of Warren Circuit, Rev. Marvin Young Self, and family arrived here last Friday and at once entered the Parsonage, being received by some thoughtful, generous members. Mr. Self is a native of Lincoln county, N. C., joined the Western North Carolina M. E. Conference at Asheville in 1908, but took his first charge in North Carolina Conference the next year. His first four years were spent in serving Perquimans, Plymouth and Moyock Pastorates in the Elizabeth City District. The last four years were given to the Garrysburg Circuit, Warrenton District, where he had good success.

We warmly welcome Mr. Self and his family, not only to our town and community, but also to the whole county of Warren, a large portion of which his Circuit covers. He will have as assistant as Junior preacher this year Rev. T. C. Strowd, of Chapel Hill, who came Wednesday of this week to take up his part of the work, including Sarpeta, Wood's Store and other points. We sincerely trust that these young brethren may accomplish much for the Master in this historic field where so many faithful men have wrought well, and the fruits of whose toil yet abide.

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