

THE ENTERPRISE

Cause of Education Is Most Important Now In This State

As North Carolina's Suffer from Illiteracy, Blight and Must Be Remedied

In the election for state officers in 1920 North Carolina's native white rural illiterates could have outvoted the literate white urban voters in this state and still have had more than two hundred votes to spare.

In this same election had all native white voters gone to the polls, there would have been one in every group of seven who could not write his own name, and one in every four who probably not have read his ticket.

These statements are arresting and startling and unbelievable to one who has not given thought to the subject. Yet they are based upon 1918 federal census figures and "urban" means the thirty four North Carolina towns with more than three thousand population each.

The main cause of this illiteracy in North Carolina was an inadequate school system. Nor does it avail the illiterate citizens that better school and enforced attendance laws are rapidly emanating the possibility of any future illiterate voters when the present crop of school boys and girls will have become grown men and women. These illiterate men and women are here and now. They are our neighbors, our friends, our kinsmen and our fellow-citizens, who now stand with us or against us. It matters not what public question arises in 1921 and most of the whole social and economic fabric of our state is shot through and through with faulty threads of illiteracy.

There is no longer a question as to adult beginners in North Carolina.

There is no longer a question as to the practicability of the work—it can be done—it has been done.

There are plenty of workers who will put this job across as soon as means are provided and public sentiment demands it.

There is a need of at least one whole time worker in each county to begin with. This worker organize various available agencies and people into working groups for the purpose of teaching adult beginners and continuing to teach them until they are able to teach themselves.

Do educators, real or so-called, in North Carolina, really believe in education for all the people or has the emphasis been placed on "higher education," efficient city school systems etc.

Finally, would it not be wise to try to build an educational system from the top down and try building from the ground up? Try taking out the rotten sills of illiteracy and the poor foundation of inefficient rural elementary schools so that they shall be a sure foundation upon which may be erected a state wide education that will not be top heavy and out of proportion to the other part of the building.

As rural elementary schools grow better, illiteracy grows less. The emphasis needs to be placed here in our state school system today. The elementary school needs to be standardized and as a part of its standard requirement there should be a class for exceptional education, that, among other things, should undertake to leave no citizen in any community unable to read a newspaper or magazine article, a chapter in an elementary history, or selected chapters from the Bible, and give the thought contained.

Will you, a citizen of North Carolina, face this situation squarely and lend a hand, or will you continue to shy off from facts because the fact are unpleasant? Education such as is not orthodox, but it is democratic and Christian. From the establishment of church and state, and from beaten paths of education we are hoping for a sufficient number of proselytes to put this job across.

Elizabeth Kelly.

MR. S. T. JACKSON DEAD

Mr. S. T. Jackson of Jamesville died Wednesday afternoon after an illness of three years, being confined to his bed for about three months.

He was born in Beaufort county, the son of Louis H. Jackson, married Miss Simpson of Jamesville about 20 years ago and has lived in Martin county most of the time since.

He leaves besides his widow, three daughters, one son and one grandchild. He was buried at the family grave yard at his father's home in Beaufort county Thursday evening.

Did you ever notice how good dogs taste—the hot ones—at a carnival or circus.

666 Cures Billious Fever.

PEANUT PRICES HAVE NOW MADE MORE ADVANCES

Growers Association Advises Farmers To Hold Remainder of Their Crop For Better Prices

The Peanut Growers association advises that in the past few days prices on cleaned goods have advanced materially, and that still further advances may be looked for as the shortage of production becomes more evident.

The association advises all farmers who are able to do so to hold on to their peanuts. The cleaners will undoubtedly pay prices considerably over the present levels before the season is much further advanced.

President Alexander of the association calls the attention of non-members to the fact that the association, as its advances and sales activities brought peanuts to the present level and Salesmanager de Pencier announces that the association has sold enough goods at its opening prices to run the mills for thirty days and that higher prices are undoubtedly indicated by the reluctance of cleaners to sell at present figures and that their eagerness to buy at prices in excess of 7c per pound for farmer's stock.

Mr. de Pencier calls the attention of the farmers to the fact that thousands of bags are in the hands of the speculators who have bought in anticipation of an advance on account of the shortage and he urges the farmer who has not yet sold his peanuts to put them through the association or hang on to them until he gets a price based on the advanced cleaned goods market and the shortage.

LOCAL TOBACCO MARKET TO CLOSE NEXT WEEK

Prices Paid Have Been Equal and Above Those of Other Local Markets Nearby

The Williamston tobacco market is to close for the season Friday, December 15.

The sales here have been good for several days; very few complaints were heard and good sales will continue during the coming week.

Farmers having tobacco on hand will make no mistake by bringing their tobacco to Williamston. "Uncle Buck" says it shall sell good.

The Williamston market has preferred this year very badly, suffering on account of the poorest crop in the whole country. Much of the tobacco produced less than 250 pounds per acre.

CLARENCE POE MAKES STRONG SPEECH

Addresses the Farmers of Martin County on Subject of Cooperative Marketing

Tuesday afternoon, Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, spoke to the farmers of Martin county on the very prominent question of cooperative marketing.

Dr. Poe did as he always does, made a fine, clean cut and clear address. He possesses a broader experience in the things the farmer has to face than most speakers. He was a farmer, a real working farmer and he has diligently studied and worked with farmers' problems ever since he left the farm.

The explanation of the soundness of the principals of cooperation, the active working details of same and the duty of each individual farmer toward the association.

COMPETITOR'S PUSH MAKES BUSINESS GOOD FOR US

Competition is the life of business as the saying goes and is a good thing for every one. The harder we have to scramble for that dollar, the more we are going to put out to get it. Easy times make us sluggish, lazy and indifferent. Hard times always sharpen our wits and make us hustle, which is a good thing for all. Where would we have drifted if the prosperity of 1919 and 1920 had continued? There is no telling.

Even as it was, some people were getting too lazy to lace their own shoes and the poor American dollar was looked upon almost with contempt.

There was so much easy money it took nearly all of one's time planning how to spend it, and so much easy business we had to lie awake nights thinking up new ways to get away from it. Oh, those were the good old days, but I guess it is a good thing for all of us that they are gone.

The year round garden offers you health and happiness. Are you planning yours?

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N. C. C. W. Has Made Rapid Strides During The Past Five Years

Fast Growth Appears To Be of a Permanent Nature From Reports Given Out

Greensboro, Dec. 7.—At a recent meeting of the alumnae council of the North Carolina College for Women in Greensboro, President Julius I. Foust presented to them a vivid picture of the great growth and development of the college within the past five years.

He also outlined certain lines of development which now becomes necessary if the college was to discharge its mission in a fitting manner.

"During this period of five years," said President Foust, "we have more than doubled the capacity of the college. The present enrollment is 1270 and will reach 1300 before the year is over. The present freshman class is the largest ever assembled in a woman's college in North Carolina."

From the appropriation of the last legislature of \$875,000 for permanent improvements, the college has built three new dormitories, a new wing to McIver building for class rooms a new dining hall, a new library, and made other improvements to buildings and grounds, as well.

"If the college should stand still and not progress at all if the high schools of the state should remain just where they are, we must anticipate an enrollment of 1800 or 2000 in a year," the president said.

The present and urgent needs of the college in caring for its student body were outlined as follows.

1. An auditorium—There is no place on the campus to seat the student body together, not to mention the impossibility of having townspeople attend college gatherings.
2. A physical educational building—for the physical training and development of the young women.
3. A new heating plant—the present plant is entirely inadequate and is subject to break down at any time.
4. A building for the music department—this department is now scattered over the campus and is very greatly in need of better facilities.

COMMISSIONERS GET VERY LITTLE PRAISE FOR THEIR SERVICES

An Appreciation of the Retiring Board of County Commissioners of the County

It is doubtless true that the office of a county commissioner is less appreciated by the public than any office provided for by either the constitution or the law.

The legislature meets bi-annually, and ramshackles the law and put the courts to guessing for two years, and yet the legislators go down in history as honorable salons. Humble county commissioners on the other hand are the objects of the cursing and criticism of his neighbors and yet his duties and obligations bring them in closer touch with the people than any other officials. The poor look to them for care and protection and the rich too often look to them to dodge their obligations, and everyone looks to them to give them such an administration of government as will give them protection and opportunities.

In looking at our retiring board of Monday of this week we could not help thinking of the service that each one has given to his county for such a small remuneration. In recounting the activities of this board we saw in Mr. J. L. Hassell, chairman for four years, a faithful servant who has done all he could for the people. Then we thought of Dr. B. L. Long, Mr. Joshua L. Coltrain, and Henry D. Peel and Mr. Henry C. Green, who will continue on the board; how much valuable time and energy they had spent in an effort to give the most service with the least burden.

We believe that each and every one of them have been faithful and honest and perhaps have done as well as anybody could under the circumstances, and we are sure, better than some could have done.

We have great faith in the new board, but we cannot hope that they will be able to do more than the old. They will perhaps not have such a period of depression to encounter as did the old board, when the depression came in 1920.

Mr. Henry C. Green, a member of the old board, was elected chairman and he is ably surrounded by Mr. C. A. Askev of Jamesville, Elder W. B. Harrington of Griffiths, Mr. J. G. Barnhill of Robersonville and Mr. V. G. Taylor of Poplar Point. They are good men and are men who have been tried in the fire of experience and are men of high character, and we are sure that with the support of the people they will succeed as commissioners of our good old Martin county.

COUNTY FARMER MAKES APPEAL FOR PROGRESS

Business Booms Are Noticed All Over the Entire Nation As Well As At Home

We note some evidences of improvement in business generally. Foreign consumption of American produce is increasing. Our home industries are also making steady gains.

We note in some of the leading farm journals that farmers are growing pigs that average 200 pounds at six months old at a cost of five cents a pound.

South Carolina and Georgia are holding conferences in which are the leading farmers, manufacturers and specialists of state and national departments of agriculture for the purpose of formulating plans for successfully combating the boll weevil. Some of the things advised are more grass and more stock to eat it and concentrated action along the lines of successful farming under fire of agricultural pests.

These states are making progress under handicaps. What are North Carolina and Martin county doing? Beaufort, Washington, Pitt, and Edgecombe counties are feeding hogs on a ration properly balanced with corn, wheat, middlings and tankage, either animal or fish meal at the ratio prescribed by specialists in swine feeding, 50-25-25 per cent, which tests are producing finished pork at a cost of five cents per pound with a ready market at eleven and one half cent per pound.

While we Martin county farmers sit back and holler "bool farm" and let hog cholera sweep the farm of even a prospect for meat for the home, our neighbors are doing these wonders.

Think of a 200 pound pig at six months old, which will sell on the market for \$22 or \$23 per head, as much profit as the average acre of cotton has produced, on a ten year average. Surely we will admit, if you like, that this book farming, yet it is producing the goods on the farm "Dis, dat, dese and dem" are some of the words used to distinguish articles presented before the war between the states, but we now use, this, that these and them. This also may be styled "book learning." Still it is in keeping with more learned people and no one says they should not be used because they were learned from a book.

We note one thing for which we are grateful; that the men of all walks of life in the town of Williamston have organized a live, wide awake Chamber of Commerce for the town of Williamston and Martin county. And we hope that some real intelligent work will be the result and the community made 100 per cent alert.

The Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce with headquarters at Wilmington, N. C., is doing a wonderful work. One important thing it is doing is cooperating with other like organizations in pushing Governor Marrison's water transportation program. This alone will be a saving of millions of dollars to Eastern North Carolina and after all, it is that which we save that spells progress.

RECEPTION FOR MR. AND MRS. W. J. HUNTER

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Godard, Jr. Entertain Large Number in Honor of Young Couple

At their beautiful old southern home, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Godard, Jr., gave a brilliant reception on Wednesday evening from nine to eleven, for Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hunter who were married in Greensboro two weeks ago.

The entire lower floor was beautifully decorated with holly and cedars suggestive of the Christmas season. In the living room were crystal chandeliers of pink roses and in the dining room were bouquets of holly and cedar over the old colonial fire place and on the table in the center was a miniature Christmas tree, and with the shade lights in the room it radiated the happy spirit of Christmas.

The punch bowl was hidden in a nook in the lower hall; it was fixed on a table banked around with ferns and decorated with large red leaves and huge bunches of red grapes from the bowl.

The home, which was built in days of southern hospitality, and it lent itself very attractively to this occasion.

The guests were met at the door by Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Peel and ushered to the door of the living room where they were met by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson and introduced to the receiving line, the first being Mrs. J. G. Godard, Jr., and then Mr. Godard and Mrs. Hunter, and Mrs. W. T. Hunter, mother of the groom, Mr. C. D. Carstarphen, who was a groomsmen in their wedding, and Miss Delphia Peebles of New Bern, aunt of the groom.

They were invited into the dining room by Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., where ice cream in the shape of Santas and Christmas stockings maccaronis and mints were served by Misses Martha Slade Hassell, Martha Cotton Crawford and Nina Upton.

Miss Millie Sprull and Mr. Edgar Boney then showed the guests to the punch bowl where Miss Daisy Wynne and Mr. Bob Hyendrick dispensed delicious punch.

About one hundred people called during the evening and it was one of the most successful social events of the present season.

If all the possums were caught that we hear are, the night travelers would not last over a week at the present rate.

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Eastern Carolina Exposition Will Be Held At Wilson

Eastern Carolina Chamber Executive Committee Selects Time and Place for Exposition

The executive committee of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, in regular session last Friday afternoon, in Greenville, among other things awarded Wilson the big exposition that this organization expects to hold early in 1923. The date set for the big winter show are: Mar. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, inclusive.

The award was made on a competitive basis, due to the fact that the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce takes in about forty counties and several of the towns in these counties were desirous of getting this big event for 1923. Wilson's bid was \$5,200, a house to hold it and lights and water. Chairman H. H. Taylor of the executive committee said immediately after the meeting that plans will be begun immediately to ward getting things in readiness for the mammoth exhibition of the agricultural and industrial possibilities of eastern North Carolina.

Definite plans were decided upon for handling the Eastern Carolina Marketing Exchange, which will be operated under the auspices of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of this organization will be to aid in finding markets for the farm produce in car lots, such as sweet potatoes, trucking of all kinds, Irish potatoes, watermelons and the like.

Nothing will be handled except in car lot shipments. A special committee will be named to aid in handling this feature of the work. It is believed by many that this will be a very helpful organization in the matter of aiding in the development of eastern North Carolina.

Hartford county, through the hustling town Ahsokie, cast her lot with the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, making the 21st county to come in. This represents about half of the territory and it is believed that fully thirty five counties will become active members by the end of the first year, which will be April 19, 1923.

NAMES OF THE COUNTY SCHOOLS IN PUZZLE FORM

The Enterprise Sent Free to One Year to First Child Solving This Puzzle

To the first school child in Martin county who sends in the first correct answer to the list of Martin county schools that are concealed in these verses below. The Enterprise will be sent for one year beginning from the date of receipt of same. A list of the schools can be had from the office of the superintendent of Public Instruction.

We are indebted to Miss Hattie Flowers for the puzzle. She is now secretary to the board of education and to the superintendent of public instruction, with an office at the court house.

Names of County Schools

1. A tree and a verb.
2. Describing certain roads and an elevation.
3. A prominent Martin county family.
4. A member of the floral kingdom.
5. Useful to raisers of hogs.
6. Good for clothing and strange.
7. A woman's glory and a verb.
8. A rabbit's method of home making.
9. A fowl and a habitant of coons.
10. A good trade.
11. A part of fountain pens.
12. What all ships have.
13. A tropical plant and a famous general.
14. A tree and what every pin has.
15. Feed for horses and a poet.
16. A verb and a part of a house.
17. A proper name and the suffix of many towns.
18. A proper name and a weight.
19. A bad man, his offspring and a suffix.
20. A grain and the name of a southern general.
21. What a barrel made of.
22. A sacred emblem and a highway.
23. An important river in the state.
24. What a large part of the population enjoys.
25. A body of water in the county.
26. A tree and the place of many inhabitants.
27. The name of a former treasurer of Martin county.
28. A part of the body and a verb.
29. A prominent Carolinian and a place to get water.
30. The publishers of many newspapers and magazines.
31. Behold the name of an animal disease.
32. The first syllable of a famous straits and a place for thieves to hide.

INDUSTRY IS SHOWING MORE IMPROVEMENTS

Federal Reserve Board Says Productive Activity Is Now On the Increase

Washington, Dec. 6.—Virtually all basic industries in the United States are showing increased productive activity, according to the Federal Reserve board, which in a review of business and trade today, reported a generally improved situation in the American business world.

The improved conditions, according to the review, are reflected first, in a greatly increased employment of labor in industrial establishments, and second, in an unprecedented demand for freight cars. Reports showed that on November 1, the greatest shortage of freight cars ever developed was recorded, while immediate before and after that date the car loadings were maintained almost at the maximum.

Milk consumption of textiles was heavy, the review stated, and added that the mill requirements of cotton continued on an increase which late in October and early in November reached the highest in the last two years. Silk and woolen mills, the review disclosed, were near capacity in operation in the face of a virtually unchanged wholesale market, and seasonal declines in some lines of dry goods.

SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school 9:45 a. m., J. C. Anderson, superintendent. Sermon by the pastor at 11 a. m. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the pastor will preach at Burriss school house. B. Y. P. U. meeting at 6:45 p. m. Sermon by the pastor 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:30. A cordial invitation extended to every one to worship with us in all these services.

A. V. Joyner, pastor.

Proceedings of the Recorder's Court For This Week

A Number of Cases Disposed of By the Recorder and His Prosecutor This Week.

The recorder's court met Tuesday, December 5th, with Judge J. C. Smith on the bench and Elbert S. Peel prosecuting. After each qualified the court opened and H. T. Roberson, sheriff, turned in the names of the following jurors observe for the term, viz: B. D. Taylor, Jr., J. T. Daniel, J. D. Briley, J. T. Matthews, Mc. G. Nelson, J. S. Whitehurst, J. S. Whitehurst, J. E. Page, J. S. Cullipher, J. F. Martin, N. C. Everett and W. E. Dunn.

The following cases were disposed of:

State vs Nathan Cherry. Assault with a deadly weapon. Defendant plead guilty and was fined \$25 and cost.

State vs Arthur Slade. In this case the defendant was required to enter into bond in the sum of \$100 for the payment of \$5 for the benefit of his child each month until second Tuesday in March, 1923. From this order the defendant appealed. The appeal bond was fixed at \$50.

State vs Charlie Keys, larceny and receiving. Continued until December 19th.

State vs Abner James, removing crop. Continued until December 19.

State vs Leman Bennett, larceny. Continued until December 19.

State vs W. A. Everett and Jolly affray. W. A. Everett plead guilty and jury found J. H. B. guilty. Each was charged with half of the cost.

State vs W. A. Everett, A. D. W. Trial set for December 19, to be by a jury. This case was later not pressed.

State vs Bill Biggs, C. C. W. P. guilty.

State vs Sam Gaynor and John Ballard, violating search and seizure law. Sam Gaynor sentenced to the Edgecombe road for 12 months from which he appealed. John Ballard called and failed.

Court then adjourned to Wednesday, Dec. 6th.

The following cases were disposed of Wednesday.

State vs John Bridges, larceny. Not guilty.

State vs Bill Biggs and Louis Brown, gambling. Plead guilty. Bill Biggs fined \$11.50 and half of cost, and Louis Brown fined \$5.25 and half the cost.

ADDITIONAL \$25 WILL BE ADVANCED ON COTTON

This Advance Makes a Total of \$75 Per Bale on Cotton Delivered Before December 1st.

We are in receipt of a communication from the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative association that is of importance to the members in Martin county, and which explains itself. The letter is as follows:

Dear Sir: The board of directors at their last meeting voted to make a second advance of \$25 a bale on December 15, on all cotton delivered up to December 1st.

This does not mean that members can draw \$75 on a bale of cotton delivered after December 1st. Drafts can be drawn for only \$50 a bale. Cotton delivered in December and later must wait its turn in getting the second advance of \$25.

We are in direction of General Manager B. Blalock, instructing banks, warehousemen, receiving agents, officers of local groups and all others interested, that drafts cannot be honored for more than \$50 a bale.

Our members will readily understand that we must have a period for closing our ledgers in order that we may draw thousands of checks due to go out on December 15.

Of course, all members delivering cotton after December 1st, will receive advances to even up with this \$75 advance before a third payment is issued. No definite date, of course, has yet been decided upon for a third advance of payment on cotton.

Yours very truly,

Homer H. B. Mack, Mgr. Field Service Dept.

PROFESSOR LEGGETT, HIGH SCHOOL INSPECTOR IN COUNTY

Prof. James L. Leggett of the East Carolina Teachers Training school of Greenville has been in Martin county this week visiting the high schools of the county with Superintendent Manning.

Professor Leggett was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Professor Wilson and it is gratifying to his friends in Martin county, his home county, to see him filling the position of state high school inspector.