

# THE ROANOKE BEACON

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## FOR THE CHILDREN.

We are much pleased with the manner in which our business men as a whole are looking upon the coming County Commencement. They seem to see the great benefits deriving from such occasions, and have promised their united support in arranging for the 1917 affair to be held on the 30th of March.

At a meeting of the Commercial Club on Monday night the question was discussed in a most enthusiastic manner, and it appeared as if each person present was anxious to offer the most generous and liberal suggestions for the entertainment of the school children on the day that they will visit us. These suggestions were not idly made, for each one was backed by a manifest willingness to support the suggestion with a vim.

Various committees were appointed to look after the different details connected with the preparations for the Commencement, and the best men possible were assigned to the place they are most fitted for.

The people of Plymouth are anxious to entertain the visitors to the very best of their ability, and many things that were lacking last year will be embraced in the program of the event to come. The doors of every home and every business house will be opened wide to receive the visitors, and a key to the city will be given them. The place shall be theirs for one day at least, and for them to use it is the earnest desire of every person here. Our people favor no especial school in the county, and each school attending will receive the same consideration and courtesies. No classes, factions or parties will be recognized, but everything will be placed on a plain level, and every number on the program will be executed on that basis.

This will be a time when we shall all come together with one purpose in view; accelerating the progress of education. Now let every school in the county, every pupil in the school, and every person in the district concur in this event, and the result will be most satisfying.

The doors of Plymouth will be open to you!

## PROGRESS OF THE

Raleigh

It is not tampering with tradition, there is an attempt to bring into new ways the school system of North Carolina. If it had failed to make good, if the educational status of the State were moving backward or even standing still, then there would be sound reason for demanding that there be made a change in the system.

But what of conditions? The schools of the State have made a most wonderful progress since the Democracy was returned to power in 1900. In the way of results for the schools we see wherein just complaints lie in the use to which the available funds have been put. Then, the clamor from a limited number for a change in the method of electing members of county school boards?

We are frank to confess that we believe that this is a matter very largely fomented by men who desire to be regarded as the leaders of the people, of those who like to be heralded as stand-

ing up boldly in the fight against some alleged right charged as taken from the electorate. We are yet to be convinced that there is any real desire among the people generally to drag the public schools into the bitterness of partisan politics. Of course we know that Republicans, now estopped from any control of the schools, want to put their hands on them, but the Democracy is right in declining to agree to any such procedure. It knows the present by the past.

As long as men think they need an "issue" upon which to go to the people for their votes we expect to hear of agitation upon any and all subjects. But we are going to continue to hope that the people of North Carolina will use their abundant common sense and keep these people from disrupting a public school system that admittedly has done a great service for the children of the State. The present General Assembly has shown wisdom in refusing to be led off into unknown paths.

## CHERRY NEWS.

Quite a number of people have been shipping hogs this week.

Hunting ducks on Lake Phelps has been attracting attention for the last week.

Mr. Holt a representative of the Steiff Piano Company gave Cherry school a business call Wednesday evening for the purpose of tuning the piano.

Mr. Mary Ambrose of near Cherry and Miss Maud Mann of South Fork Creek were quietly married Sunday p. m.

Miss Adelia Spruill who has been teaching near Cross Landing Tyrrell County has closed for two weeks on account of measles.

Mrs. H. M. Ainsley and son Ira, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives near Mackeys.

Mrs. W. C. Spruill gave a Valentine Party Friday night in honor of her sister Miss Ozell Woodley.

Mr. Walter Hughes spent the week with Mr. J. M. Ambrose taking in bird hunting occasionally.

Cherry school has been delayed in preparation for County Commencement on account of measles, very likely will be cut off entirely as mumps is keeping several away now.

Mr. Charles G. Ambrose a member of C. B. H. at Cherry is very ill. The Brotherhood trust he may soon be well again.

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