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Educational News

BOARD OF EDUCATION FAVORS EIGHT MONTHS SCHOOL.

At their meeting last Monday, the County Board of Education went on record as favoring an eight months school term for all the schools in the county, according to information given out this week by Superintendent Wm. C. Allen, who seemed greatly enthused over the educational situation. Members of the Board of Education also expressed themselves as being greatly encouraged at the outlook for the increased efficiency of the schools as evidenced by this prospect of a longer term.

"In my opinion," said Superintendent Allen, "Haywood county is just beginning an era of unprecedented educational activity. This unanimous endorsement by the Board of Education of the minimum term of eight months school," continued the superintendent, "is but an unmistakable indication of the sentiment that is developing all over the county. Unless all signs fail, there will be pressure brought to bear upon the board at the next meeting in February to call an election for the early spring."

It was brought out in the meeting on Monday that several districts in the county are already moving toward improving school conditions in their localities. Fines Creek township, as a whole, has the question of voting bonds for a central high school now in active contemplation. A petition is being gotten ready for signatures in that part of the county to ask the county commissioners to appoint a day for a bond issue sufficiently large to build a union school large enough to take care of three hundred children And it will carry in that township, too, if the people are given a chance to speak.

Crabtree township, also has the same thing in mind, according to the view of Mr. F. W. Messer, member of the Board of Education from that section. He thinks that Crabtree and Iron Duff townships may unite in building a school that will take care of all high school pupils in that section of the county.

Mr. R. W. Howell, member of the board from Jonathan township, is much interested in making Rock Hill a standard high school that will serve Jonathan, Cove Creek, Cataloochee, and a portion of White Oak. The location is fine, and, if the people want a standard school, they can get it.

Beaverdam township, according to Superintendent Allen, matters are shaping themselves beautifully. Messrs. J. Bowden Smathers and J. T. Bailey, members of the board from that township, are both enthusiastically for improved schools and are moving that section toward the realization of a longer school term and better school houses. Already plans are being laid and petitions prepared for calling an election for both of these objects in the school districts of North Hominy, Beaverdam, Austin's Chapel, Thickety, and Patton.

"It is understood," said Mr. Allen, "that if the county goes as a unit for an eight months school the local ten districts will disappear, for there will be no need of them. With the county advalorum tax and the State Equalizing Fund, which must increase in amount, there will be sufficient money to run the schools full eight months."

U. D. C. MEET.

Mrs. J. S. Jones will be hostess to the Daughters of the Haywood Chap-

NOTICE.

The Music Department of the Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. C. S. Smathers on Saturday, January 9, at 3:30 P. M.

CIVIC LEAGUE WILL MEET.

The Civic League will meet Friday afternoon, January 15, with Mrs. Homer Plott.

GRACE CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

A congregational meeting of the members of Grace Episcopal church will be held next Monday night, January 11, at 7:30, in the rectory for the purpose of electing a vestry for the ensuing year, and transacting any other business that may come before the meeting.

Death Mrs. Rhinehart

Mrs. Mary A. Rhinehart was born March 18, 1837 and died December 17, 1925, at the age of eighty-eight. She was the daughter of Wayne and Emeline Battle of Haywood county and grand daughter of Holloman Battle and Henry Howell, both sturdy pioneers of this section.

When Haywood county was erected in 1809, Holloman Battle was one of the commissioners chosen to select suitable sites for the county's public buildingings.

Mrs. Rhinehart was one of eleven children. The sisters surviving her are Mrs. M. B. McCracken, Mrs. Alice Felmet and Mrs. William Crymes, the latter being ninety years of age. She joined the Methodist church, South before the war between the States, when the house of worship stood in Green Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Rhinehart's father, Waynes Battle, was the first white child born here after Waynesville was named, and it is thought that he was born in the old Battle House.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhinehart were for many years the proprietors of the Battle House, a popular old hostelry for visiting lawyers during sessions of the court.

Miss Battle was married first to Joseph Rhinehart who passed away November 5, 1855. Their children were Joseph William and Ann, the later becoming the wife of Samuel Schenck. On July 13, 1856 she was married to William Rhinehart, a brother of her first husband, and to them were born eight children: Joseph E., Margaret A., wife of W. T. Lee, Corporation Commissioner, Fidilia D., Marcus T., Marrietta E., wife of S. C. Liner, contractor and builder, Robert M., Dora Emeline, wife of C. B. Atkinson and Derry.

A long and useful life has come to its close, and to me there is always a tinge of sadness about the passing of an old landmark, and there is always a feeling of sadness over parting with an old acquaintance, a friend and, especially when that one goes out past the sunset into the undiscovered country.

Many long years Mrs. Rhinehart had been known in Waynesville, and I shall not soon forget the genial smile and kindly word she had for the young people of thirty-five years ago as we passed her home on the way down town from school. I gladly offer a tribute to her memory.

MRS. W. T. C.

MRS. KIMBERLY HONORED

One of the most elaborte parties of the holiday season was the bridge party given by Miss Elizabeth Quinlan, honoring Mrs. William Kimberly a recent bride.

The house was beautifully decorated for the party with banks of holly and evergreen, carrying out the yuletide motif.

Mrs. Kimberly was presented with a silver pie knife by her hostess. Mrs. R. O. Covington held high score and prize was a deck of cards, Mrs. Nannie Tate received the consolation, also a deck of cards.

Misses Nancy Crockett and Mary Quinlan assisted the hostess in serving a delightful salad course.

Those present for the affair besides the honoree were: Misses Louise Rotha, Diana Black, Janie Reeve, Lois Briggs, Isabelle Davis, Isabelle Ferguson, Thomasine Howell, Fannie Johnson, Dorothy Seaver, Katherine Ray, Mary Ray, Caroline Ashton, Nora Ashton and guest, "Spot" Perkins of Asheville, Margaret Semmes, Shelby Semmes and guest of Boston, Braxton Kirk, Eleanor Bushnell, Frances Denton, Janie Love Mitchell, Alice Quinlan, Lucy Tate Nannie Tate, Grace Albright, Virginia Welch, Dorothy Thomas, Wilda Crawford, Aurelia Sharp, Gladys Osborne and Alice Secrest of Canton. Mesdames R. O. Covington, John Swift, Jr., Tom Lee, Jr., Joe Graves, and Hugh Massie. Coming in for tea were: Misses Sue Willard Lindsley, Helen Marshall and Alice Mae Harrold.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the many friends for their kindness shown us during the illness and death of our beloved daughter and wife and most especially the different organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Kerley
and husband, Sam Williams.

Shipman's Digest of State News:

Raleigh, Jan. 4, 1926.—The meeting of the North Carolina Judicial Conference, the New Years reception at the Governor's Mansion, induction into office of the new Associate Justice, W. J. Brogden, announcement of 1926 highway program, completion of the new Meredith College and happenings of minor import absorbed interest in the capital city during the last few days of the old year and the first four of the new. The extremely "cold snap" also contributed to the "gayety of the season" in more ways than one.

The Judicial Conference created by act of the General Assembly of 1925 held its second meeting here during the week with Chief Justice W. P. Stacey presiding and a majority of the judge lawyer members answering to call of the roll. Numerous changes in the rules of practice, judicial procedure and the judicial judicial system generally were discussed, but final action was postponed to a future meeting scheduled for June of the present year. Both bench and bar expressed the wish to devise some means for the relief of the Supreme Court from appeals, abolition of the rotation of judges, restoration of the common law powers of judges in jury cases and an amendment to the State Constitution to establish courts of jurisdiction concurrent with that of the Superior Court. A special committee is to work out these recommendations and report to the next meeting of the conference.

Governor McLean held his second public reception at the Mansion on Friday evening that has occurred since he came into office nearly a year ago, and the first Mrs. McLean has been privileged to attend, she being ill at their home in Lumberton at the time her husband was inducted into office last January. The function on Friday evening was a brilliant affair in which many leading men and women of the State from distant towns and cities participated. The affair was entirely informal and the charming hostess succeeded admirably in making every one "feel at home."

A "goodly number" of friends from his home town came over to witness the ceremonies attending the induction into office of Willis J. Brogden, Durham lawyer, as Associate Justice of North Carolina Supreme Court on Friday. The ceremonies were held in the Supreme Court room with Governor McLean sitting with the court. Mr. Brogden was presented to the court by Hon. James Fuller of the Durham bar, the oath of office being administered by the Chief Justice. Referring his Yuletide returns immediately to the practice of his profession in Lumberton.

The State Highway Commission announces its purpose of starting on the construction of 700 miles of roads early in the new year, 200 to be hard surfaced and 500 miles of top soil, the program, when completed, to represent an expenditure of approximately $12,000,000. Added to this will be hundreds of miles constructed through cooperation with counties that are taking advantage of the opportunity to secure the services of road experts by making loans to the State Highway Commission with the view of making important connections "while the going is good."

The new Meredith College is ready for the reception of students who have engaged rooms in the recently constructed edifice three miles west of Raleigh in which the spring term will be conducted. Heat and light, with other modern arrangements are in tact and the girls are likely to find their new surroundings in harmony with the spirit and progress of the times. The Carolina Power and Light Company promises to provide bus service between the college and the city proper.

Raleigh shivered as the mercury dropped to nine degrees above zero during the week, said to be the lowest mark of the year. Numerous automobile radiators were shattered and water pipes gave way under the strain of the sudden leap of the mercury from one extreme to another.

Department of Revenue officials have made public calculations which show that State taxes collected by that department during the last six months period exceed by nearly half a million dollars the amount garnered during a corresponding period last year, the sum ascertained to be $3,75[illegible]20.24 for 1925. The difference is partly accounted for by increase in the rate of some classes of special taxes, one of them being the bus tax, which has already yielded to the State since the meeting of the Legislature around $30,000. Federal taxes according to Collector Grisson, have increased eleven millions over a like period last year, his office having collected $12,000,000 since the first of July.

Stacey W. Wade, North Carolina's Insurance Commissioner, thinks well of the cooperation the citizenship of the State has given his department in the prevention of fire losses, the Commissioner figures a saving of practically eight million dollars has been realized from being careful. Mr. Wade reports a reduction "all along the line" and places the State on a decreasing scale.

North Carolina is a big spender according to figures compiled by the Federal census bureau which show that in 1924 the State spent $.79 for increase of $5.83 per capita over the expenditure a similar period seven years ago. Total expenditure for the year ended June 30, 1924, is estimated to have been $15,745,898, or the third highest in the United States. However, this same Federal agency finds that the "Old North State" sends fewer of its citizens to prison than any commonwealth except Mississippi, the commitments in 1923 being only 2,728.

A big crop of new lawyers "is in the making," one hundred and fifteen applicants for license to practice having been filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court, in accordance with ruling that thirty days' notice must be given prior to the legal examinations, the next one to be conducted early in February.

After thirty one years in the post of service here, Phil H. Andrews, a brother of the late Col. A. B. Andrews vice-president of the Southern Railway Company, receives an "honorable discharge" with the maximum annuity allowed in "such cases made and provided." Mr. Andrews is highly esteemed in this city, has an honorable record of public service to his credit and retires with the plaudit "well done thou good and faithful servant." He could have retired three years ago at the age of seventy, but decided to remain at his post of duty as postmaster a while longer.

Twenty three delegates to the Cotton Conference in Atlanta January 5th to be appointed by Governor McLean during the week, the more prominent being Commissioner of Agriculture William A. Graham, O. Max Gardner, president of the North Carolina Agricultural Society, and Dr. Eric Cook of the University of North Carolina. The purpose of the conference is to discuss national legislation relative to crop reporting by the Federal Department of Agriculture.

The State Board of Health is to meet here on Wednesday of this week at which time a "permanent successor" to former Secretary Rankin may be selected, the latter having resigned to become one of the active directors of the Duke Foundation. Dr. G. M. Cooper, acting secretary for the past two years will probably be the choice of the board and he has well deserved the promotion.

N. C. Newbold, director of the Bureau of Negro Education of the State Department of Education, returned recently from Jacksonville, Fla., where he addressed the Florida Negro Teachers' Association on the progress of the work for the colored people of North Carolina. Negro education is backed by the white teachers of the State and a bill providing Federal aid now pending before Congress.

"According to" Paul E. Brown, Secretary of the North Carolina Bankers' Association, there are 500 banks in the State showing total resources of $194,698,015. In 1890 there were no State and National banks with total resources amounting to only $1,965,856. Figuring in the industrial bank resources of $8,772,362 gives the actual assets to more than half a billion dollars.

The Communiry Club

The Community Club met on Monday afternoon, Dec. 14th, in the club rooms.

The meeting opened with the singing "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," followed by the club prayer.

The secretary and treasurer gave brief reports, after which Mrs. Joe Cate chairman of Social Service Department, requested that the club members make their annual donation for the Christmas box to be sent to the County Home. The donations to be either socks, stockings or money same to be left at the Haywood Garage. It was also decided to give testaments, fruit and candy to the inmates of the jail.

Mrs. Garrett, chairman of Education, presented for sale books written by Mrs. Cotton, proceeds to go to the Sallie Southall Cotton Loan Fund.

Miss Caroline Allstaetter, chairman Garden Department, read a letter from Mrs. Edna W. Ettinger, chairman of the State Garden Department, asking the cooperation of the clubs of the State in preserving the evergreens, especially the holly, of which there is such a wanton waste at Christmas time. The club instructed Miss Allstaetter to notify Miss Ettinger that the Community Club would cooperate in this movement.

It was voted to give the Library $10.00.

The program of the afternoon was in charge of the Music Department, Mrs. Lawrence Green, chairman. As the program for the year's work is "American Art and Artists," Mrs. Green chose America's foremost musical genius Edward McDowell and America's most popular song writer, Carrie Jacobs Bond.

The following interesting program was given:

Talk on the life and compositions of Edward McDowell by Miss Alice Quinlan.

Piano Solo—From An Indian Lodge—McDowell, by Miss Fredricka Quinlan.

Vocal Solo—Robins Sing in the Apple Trees, by McDowell—Mrs. Lawrence Green.

Violin Solo—"To a Wild Rose," by McDowell—Miss Margaret Stringfield.

Piano Solo—To Autumn, by McDowell—Miss Frances Denton.

Talk—Life and Compositions of Carrie Jacobs Bond—Miss Alice Quinlan.

Vocal Solo—To Little Lamb, by Carrie Jacobs Bond—Mrs. Lawrence Green.

Violin Solo—I Love You Truly, by Carrie Jacobs Bond—Miss Margaret Stringfield, accompanied by Miss Quinlan on the piano.

Vocal Solo—Perfect Day, by Carrie Jacobs Bond—Mrs. Green, Miss Stringfield on the violin and Miss Quinlan on the piano.

The club adjourned to meet on January 5th.

The hostesses, Mrs. R. O. Covington, Mrs. J. T. Mangum and Mrs. Rufus Siler, served sandwiches and tea.

FREE.

Orthopedic Clinic for treatment of cripples to be held at the new Methodist church, Waynesville, N. C., Saturday, January 23, and monthly thereafter.

Under supervision of State Rehabilitation Department, sponsored by Waynesville Rotary Club and conducted by expert Orthopedic surgeon.

All cripples urged to attend and receive free examination and treatment. For young and old.

All Subscriptions back of January, 1926 will be cut off now.

The visit to Raleigh on Friday of W. B. Cole, slayer of W. W. Ormond in Rockingham last August, created a bit of interest here. He came for a conference with his attorneys touching the suit for $150,000 damages brought against him by Rev. A. L. Ormond, father of the victim of Mr. Cole's wrath.

The license Bureau estimates an increase of 162 per day in the purchase of automobiles during the past year, the record showing around 59,000 more cars than were in evidence this time last year, this being today 257,360 "on the wing."

A meeting of the Republican State Executive Committee is expected soon to select a successor to former Chairman John J. Parker.

Methodist News

PROGRAM WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT, JANUARY 12, 1926.

Rev. E. K. McLarty, Presiding.

10:00 A. M. Devotional Service—What part has prayer in the development of the life of our church? Are our people striving after it?—Rev. Asheley Chapell.

10:30 A. M. Methodism's part in the religious problems of the age?—T. F. Marr.

10:50 A. M. Is it possible for a church to succeed without a definite missionary program?—R. M. Courtney.

11:10 A. M. What is the part laymen of the church must perform in order to have church efficiency?—C. H. Ireland.

11:30 A. M. The program of work in our Sunday Schools.—O. V. Woosley.

12 P. M. Is education a religious or secular obligation?—W. L. Sherrill.

12:15 P. M Adjourn for dinner.

C. C. Ireland, Presiding.

1:15 P. M. Song service.

1:20 P. M. Is temperance a religious or civic obligations?—Zeb F. Curtis.

1:40 P. M. How vital are our Conference assessments in the economy of the church?—H. C. Sprinkle.

2:00 P. M. What constitutes a successful revival and how to bring it to pass.—E. K. McLarty.

2:20 P. M. What appeal shall the church make in competition with worldly attractions?—J. F. Kirk.

2:40 P. M. Stewardship and Tithing a Biblical doctrine.—A. C. Davis.

3:00 P. M. Our papers—who should read them?—James Atking, Jr.

3:15 P. M. What I intend to do to encourage my folks at home to take a more active part in church work. —General discussion.

The above program will be render in the Methodist church on the da indicated. All the preachers of t Waynesville district and representative laymen from each charge are expected to be present. I want to assure the people of Waynesville that it will be well worth their while to attend this meeting. If you can not stay for the entire program remain as long as your circumstances will permit and you will be at perfect liberty to retire.

T. F. MARR.

CIVIC LEAGUE.

Mrs. R. L. Allen was hostess to the Civic League on Friday afternoon, Dec. 11th.

The meeting was opened by singing the Federation song and repeating the collect for club women.

Mrs. Hardin reported that there were 17 women, 11 men and 2 children at the County Home.

The league having already voted to remember the inmates at Christmas, the members were asked to leave their donations at Mrs. Allen's on Monday.

The league went on record as heartily endorsing a community nurse.

The feature of the afternoon was the talk by the District President, Mrs. Chas. E. Quinlan. She urged the league to support the legislative program as outlined by the State Federation, and suggested that a legislative committee be appointed to confer with the prospective legislative candidates in an effort to obtain a statment from them as to how they stand on the different issues that the women are so vitally interested in. Mrs. Quinlan announced that there would be a clinic for cripple children held on Dec. 19th at the Methodist church.

The league was glad to welcome Mrs. Ray Francis and Mrs. Charles E. Thomas as new members.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. H. H. Plott on Friday afternoon Jan. 15th.

Mrs. Allen served delightful refreshments.

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MISS PERKINS HONORED

Miss "Spot" Perkins of A[illegible] was honored with the bridge Monday night by Ashton at her home on [illegible] Delicious refreshments [illegible] at the conclusion of the [illegible]

Those enjoying the [illegible] Misses "Spot" Perkins [illegible] Welch, Eleanor Bush[illegible] Denton, Caroline A[illegible] Quinlan, Messrs. [illegible] Welch, Ben Sloan [illegible] ton, Jimmy Neal [illegible]