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Now if the Germans would only insist on the goose-step for skiers.

Trouble is so many of us consider government something to live on—not under.

Now wouldn't it be sump'n if the legislature up and adopted the 'Charlotte News' mail order program?

When the women perfect their organization for study of the hidden taxes the consumers must pay for the privilege of buying, something's liable to pop.

Occasionally when you read the Congressional Record you are almost persuaded that there's not much to this "senatorial courtesy" business.

It's mighty hard on the child when its mother can't be convinced that the proper diet for a growing youngster is more important than a grand-slam in bridge.

In his "diversion" talk to the legislators the Governor told 'em not to pay too much attention to the letters from back home because like as not the writers didn't know what they were writing about. But he told the teachers they would have to build a fire under the feet of the law-makers, 'cause he couldn't help 'em any.

**Our County Schools**

In this issue of The Tribune will be found a brief outline of the activities and set-up of the school system in this county. Interesting facts are revealed and the piece deserves more than just a skim-over reading. Those who are earnestly and sincerely interested in our schools should study it carefully to the end that it may be appreciated as the great enterprise that it is.

For our school system is an enterprise, one that could well be referred to as a "think factory"; a factory to which we send raw material, some of it very raw, to be shaped and polished into useful and workable parts of this great machine called—democracy. Upon how those parts mesh and dovetail into the common purpose in the trying days that evidently are ahead, may depend the success or failure of that democracy we boast about.

A careful reading of the article in another column will show that Supt. Comer has made impressive progress with the public schools of the county during his tenure. For although the schools are largely supported by the State and their general policies controlled from Raleigh, their ultimate success depends upon the wise direction and painstaking attention to details by the county heads.

With all of its fine systematizing, carrying the responsibility of a unit in the educational system that serves 10,000 children in thirty-five schools taught by 262 teachers, all served by 52 buses that travel a total of approximately 2,000 miles each day—is no small job, when one stops to think about it. Likewise when such a job is well and efficiently filled, there is no law against patting the holder on the back; giving him encouragement instead of weighing down his efforts with thoughtless ingratitude.

A recent issue of School Facts published a table of the standing of the one hundred counties in the important matter of teacher-training. Some of the counties have made remarkable progress in the improved preparation of the teachers for their work, while others have not registered such improvement. Surry county has moved upward in the column, showing a decidedly better rating than in a similar compilation covering other years. We have passed several counties in this appraisal, that are known for their interest and loyalty to their schools, and it should be a matter of no little pride.

Read that piece on Surry's schools. Maybe all of us will have a new and better appreciation of them for it.

**Can Smell the Flowers**

Louis D. Brandeis, retiring Justice of the Supreme Court, will have the satisfaction of receiving his flowers while he can smell them. Which is not always the case, even with our great men. Most of them must die before accurate appraisal of their worth is made.

And if ever a man had cause to be discouraged because of the criticism of his fellows, Justice Brandeis was that man as he took his seat on the bench. Likewise if ever a man had cause to be grateful for the plaudits of the nation, as he lays down his work, again that man is Brandeis.

For when President Wilson named him to a place on the Supreme Court bench, he was denounced as a dangerous radical. Former President Taft, later Chief Justice,

led the opposition to the man who later became a star in Taft's orbit. Taft found Brandeis anything but the "impractical theorist given to extravagant statement and self-advertisement, inspired by prejudice and intolerance and wholly lacking a judicial temperament."

For five months the battle raged against Brandeis, and among his critics in the confirming Senate was Albert B. Fall whose later record was not such as to inspire confidence in his ability to pass judgment on any man's moral righteousness.

And so after twenty-two years on the Supreme Court Bench, Justice Brandeis retires, and has the satisfaction of his vindication from every corner of the nation, his record held high by every newspaper in the land, all of them proclaiming him as one of the ablest jurists ever to have place on the highest tribunal in the land.

How pleasing then must be the closing days of his life. He did not have to die to unloose the heart-felt appreciation of his worth. And the sting inflicted by backbiters, some of whom may have been sincere, has been softened and eased by the acclaim that is his.

And it is barely possible that the bitter critics of Justice Hugo Black may be confused by an equally distinctive record on the Supreme Court Bench.

**Innocent Victims**

While the General Assembly was about the business of considering the measure to pay Jack and Marion Ammons, of Buncombe county \$5,250 each for five years and three months of wrongful imprisonment for the self-inflicted castration of Johnnie Hart, it could well have considered this case from another angle—the debt the State owes, morally, to those innocents it kills instead of jails.

The Ammons brothers, you will remember, were convicted on the evidence of the victim himself, who identified his neighbors as his assailants, but whose conscience worried him to the point that he acknowledged that he had committed the crime against himself and pinned it on the Ammonses to get even with them for some personal grievances.

These men, innocent of the crime for which they were convicted, remained in prison, at hard labor, for more than five years, serving a term that when it expired would have left them old, withered men. But fortunately Hart unloosed his tongue, and his confession freed them and enabled them to go back to their families who needed them tremendously.

What rebellious thoughts must have stirred their brains, knowing that they were innocent. Yet the prison records show that they accepted their lot with unusual calm and restraint. And what happiness must have been theirs, when almost miraculously, they were exonerated of the brutal crime of which they were charged. Certainly they were due whatever remuneration the State could make.

But suppose their crime had carried the supreme penalty; suppose jury and judge had decreed that they should die. That belated confession could not have brought them back to life and their families. And the records reveal many instances in which the law kills, only to find later that its victims were innocent. Maybe if States had to dig down in their treasuries to make amends in such cases, they would pause long enough to enact saner and more humane laws that would not put its victims beyond the pale of restitution. For these days it seems that the only thing that will prick governmental conscience, is to finger with its cash.

**Then and Now**

Last week in Jersey City, N. J., a \$31,000,000 bank was forced to close its doors because of inability to realize upon huge real estate holdings or to liquidate other frozen assets. Of the \$23,000,000 deposits belonging to 37,000 depositors, \$19,000,000 is fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and 36,700 of these depositors won't lose a cent of their money while the other 300 with more than \$5,000 on deposit are largely covered too.

That's quite a different story from that of the years back of 1933 when depositors saw their all swept out of their hands like so much chaff. Then the news of a bank sent interested depositors scurrying and wringing their hands in anguish. Even the tale of a bank's weakness was all that was needed to start a run.

Last week in Jersey City there was no excitement. Men went about their business as usual. Depositors knew they would be inconvenienced no longer than it would take the government to check their accounts and set things in order to issue vouchers—probably not over thirty days at the worst. They knew they would get dollar for dollar too.

Banks popped like fire in a cane break here in North Carolina in the late twenties, and it was six years before some of them closed up their business after paying large salaries to receivers and helpers, wages that reduced the depositors dividends by that much; dividends that meant sometimes less than half the amount on deposit.

Deposit insurance did away with all of that, and curiously enough there were bankers who opposed, long and loud, this plan of protection which bred confidence in depositors. It was a departure from the old established order and they didn't want it. Yet today they know it has been their salvation. Is it not possible that other progressive programs have equal merit.

If the New Deal has done nothing more than give us good sound banking laws, it would deserve national praise. For this alone will offset many of its sins.

**197 RECEIVE OLD AGE ASSISTANCE DURING JANUARY**

Yadkin List Is Almost 200; 145 Children Get Aid Also

TOTAL FIGURE IS \$2,157.29

Miss Joseline Harding, Yadkin county welfare officer, spent Thursday in Greensboro, where she attended a one-day institute of welfare workers.

Miss Harding was on the program and spoke on the "Abilities of a Supervisor." Miss Harding has just released figures giving activities of the welfare work in Yadkin county, which contain the following facts:

During the month of January, 1939, in Yadkin county, 197 received checks for Old Age Assistance and 145 children received Aid to Dependent Children. Six blind received assistance and 24 persons were aided by the county. The total cost of all assistance was \$2,157.29. Quotas for all types of assistance have been filled. From time to time a case is terminated for one reason or another, such as death or transfer to another county. In such cases the Welfare Department adds on new applicants. 116 Old Age Assistance applicants and 177 children in 61 families are pending because quotas are filled.

The average age of Old Age Assistance recipients is 75 in the State of North Carolina and for Yadkin county the average age is 74. Three people more than 90 years of age are aided and there are 39 between 80 and 90.

The Welfare Department sent 12 boys to the CCC camp in January. These boys earned \$400.00 for the month and sent their parents \$264.00. In the past year approximately 100 boys have been accepted for CCC enrollment and money coming into the county from this source ranges from one to two thousand dollars per month.

The Welfare Department had supervision of 10 paroled prisoners during the month of January, 22 cases of school attendance were checked on and 3 boys were brought before the Juvenile Court.

In Yadkin county 228 families received help from the distribution of commodities, in these families being 1,179 persons.

**BOONVILLE**

Rev. J. P. Davis, pastor of the local Baptist church, went to the county prison camp Sunday and preached to the prisoners.

Mrs. Nova Reece and daughter, Nancy, visited Mr. and Mrs. Graham Reece last Sunday.

The following Boonville W. M. U. members attended the preaching service at the prison camp last Sunday, Mrs. J. J. Coram, Mrs. Orville Motsinger, Mrs. Delmer Mock, Mrs. Lee Motsinger, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Fletcher, Miss Annie Hogue, Miss Ruby Winkler, and Miss Frances Thomas.

Miss Phoebe Day who is a teacher in the East Bend high school visited her father, F. W. Day, here the past week-end.

Miss Pauline Jones of Gibsonville visited her parents the past week-end.

Edgar Brown of Boone was a business visitor in town recently. The Boonville teachers attended the county wide teachers meeting held at Yadkinville Tuesday evening.

The Boonville boys and girls defeated the Mt. Airy basketball teams on the local court. The girls won by the overwhelming score of 49 to 16, but the boys found a knot in the Mt. Airy team, but finally won by the score of 32 to 22.

Graham Stinson, the star forward on the boys' team has been out for several weeks with a sprained ankle. It is hoped that Stinson will be in top condition by the time the county tournament is played because he is the second most valuable man on the team.

The Missionary Societies of Boonville, Forbush, and Yadkinville are meeting at the Boonville church on Sunday at 2:00 to hold the Mission Study Course. Mrs. Paul Price Davis of Forbush will be in charge of the program. It is hoped that all members from these three places will be present.

**YOUNG PEOPLE ARE TO GIVE PROGRAM**

Sunday at the evening hour of worship at 7:30 at the First Baptist church, members of the Young People's department of the church will have charge of the service. A pageant will be presented, depicting the work of the young people in the church, which will be under the direction of Mrs. Glenn Lewis.

A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend the service.



**POPLAR SPRING**

Due to the fact a new church building has been under construction we have been unable to have Sunday school for the past five Sundays, although Sunday morning the church was near enough completed until we could have Sunday school and a large number attended.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hayes had as their guests Sunday Mrs. Ed Bowman and family of Mount Airy.

Misses Iris and Fonzie Key of Sileoam community, were visitors in this community last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Guyer and family were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bynum Golden and Mrs. Ella Isaacs of Mountain Park.

Miss Lucille Sprinkle of Elkin, R. F. D., visited Miss Margaret Carter Sunday.

Mrs. Celia Williams and daughter had as their guests Sunday Mrs. W. S. White of Rusk, and Mrs. Sid Hudspeth of Elkin.

Mrs. Nealie Carter is ill at this writing.

A large number attended the funeral of Mrs. Nancy Wellborn last Friday.

Rev. E. G. Jordan filled his regular appointment at the Poplar Springs Baptist church Saturday night. Due to Rev. Jordan's absence Sunday morning Rev. John Weatherman delivered a very interesting sermon. Both ministers delivered very inspiring sermons.

**BENHAM**

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Gillam and Rev. Grant Cottrien were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Byrd.

Mrs. Paul Holbrook and son, Kenneth, of Traphill, spent the latter part of last week with her mother, Mrs. Ella Settle.

Among those having measles in this community are: Mr. William Rose and children, and the children of Mr. and Mrs. Kapp Yarborn, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Byrd, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Layell, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Settle, and others. Mrs. W. M. Sexton, of Joynea, is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. Otis Byrd, and Mr. Byrd.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gentry and son, Mack, of Pleasant Hill, were the guests Sunday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rose.

**MULBERRY**

Rev. Eli Jordan will fill his regular appointment at Bessie's Chapel Baptist church Saturday night at 7 p. m. and Sunday at 11 a. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The farmers of this community are getting ready to sow tobacco beds for their crop this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stanley of High Point visited in the community recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fulk of Mt. Airy visited Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baker over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Southard announces the birth of a daughter February 19.

There is a singing held at Union Cross Baptist church every Sunday night. The public is invited to attend.

**ST. PAUL**

Several people from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Paul McCollum at Hunting Creek last Thursday.

Mrs. Sina Walker spent last week in Wilkes county, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Critz, of Houstonville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ruffin Allred last Sunday.

Miss Edith Walker, of Elkin, was the guest recently of her mother, Mrs. Sina Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wellborn and son visited Mrs. Wellborn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hinson, near Yadkinville, last Sunday.

We are sorry to note that Mr. John Bell is confined to his home by illness.

**HONOR ROLL FOR 5th MONTH, MTN. PARK**

The following is the honor roll for the fifth month of Mountain Park high school:

First grade: Junior Bauguess, Chester Cheeks, John Nixon, Clifford Shores, Paul Southard, Helen Childress, Mildred Cooper, Bernice Gaspie, Faye Isaacs, Bettie Lou Key, Jean Luffman, Doris Jean Parsons, Thelma Lee Thompson, Wilma Simmons, Elsie Bauguess.

Second grade: Tommie Golden, D. C. Cockerham, Bobby Hanes, J. B. Mayes, Guy Tilley, P. G. Walters, Donald Lashmy, Josephine Gentry, Ella Mae Isaacs, Winnie Luffman, Callie Wilmoth, Raydel Wolfe, Doris Pruitt, Charles Pardue.

Third grade: Mary Frances Nixon, Mary Elizabeth Cockerham, Ralph Williams, Billy Wood, Alva Smith, Martha Whitehead, Stuart Simmons, Mary Ruth Shores, Dorothy Callaway, Dean Ross, Arella Ann Nixon, Guy Hemric, Robert Bauguess, Doswell Gentry, Bobby Wellborn, Odene Lewis.

Fourth grade: Dot Harris, Fred Harris, Irene Gentry, Howard Thompson, Wallace Cockerham, Lois Wolfe, Pearl Hodge, Pennie Hanes, Hazel Pardue, Harold Snow, Neta Lundy, Jimmie Shores.

Fifth grade: Homer Wallace, Dorothy Pardue, Mary Ruth Callaway, Faye Callaway, Leola Ross, Dorothy Wilmoth, Tommie Wood, Clifford Nixon, Helen Snow, Josephine Southard, Peggy Wolfe, Martha Walters, Sadie Franklin.

Sixth grade: Nell Burch, Ruth Callaway, Doris Bauguess, Francis Caudle, Vivian Hemric, Pauline Stanley, Fred Sidden, Ted Simmons, Bertie Wilmoth, Anna Faye Williams, Ruth Smith.

Seventh grade: Arline Williams, Joe Bill Isaac, George Saylor, James Saylor, Irene Simmons, Harold Smith, Howard Wilmoth, Elvira Wood, Ota Pruitt, Hazel Snow, Reba Jane Royall.

Eighth grade: Frances Snow, Marie Wilson, Ralph Thompson, Irene Norman, Joy Darnell, Wilda Holder, Glenn Wright, Ray Norman, Coolidge Southard, Clyde Walters, Steve Dobbins, Austin Caudill, Betty Linville, Alle Sue Ellis, Dorothy Cockerham, Garvie Chambers, Lorette Steele.

Tenth grade: Annie L. Johnson, Gertrude Guyer, Edna Snow, Ruth Nixon, Pauline Cockerham, Jack Nixon, Doris Snow, Annie L. White.

Eleventh grade: Ethel Saylor, Elizabeth Hamby, Hazel Mounce, Judy Ellis, Madgeleene Southard.

Fairy Dobbins, Sylvia Norman, Grace Sidden, Alma Lee Woodie, Dollie Caudill, Versie Collins, Ruth Thompson.

Commercial: Phillip Burch, Wade Callaway, Helen Dickerson, Ruth Norman, Cecil Mae Richardson, Ruby Stonestreet, Lillian Swift, Hazel Wood.

**WITH THE SICK**

The following patients have been admitted to the local hospital during the past week: Mrs. Ada Freeman, Jonesville; Mrs. Viola Reed, Dobson; Mrs. Doris Reece, Leicester; Della Mae Darnell, Elkin; Julia Albea, Greensboro; Mae Cockerham, Elkin; Ruby Sprinkle, Jonesville; Mrs. Addie Page, Knottville; Margaret Lee Page, Knottville; Mrs. Gertrude Hemric, Jonesville; Pernie Harris, Ronda; Mrs. Beulah Robbins, Jonesville; Eddon Gentry, Ronda; Imogene Combs, East Bend; Howard Transou, Elkin; Mrs. Sally Freeman, Mt. Airy; Mrs. Rich Chatham, Elkin; Mary Sale, Elkin; John D. Davis, Boonville; Mrs. Flossie Spahnour, Elkin; Stencil Gentry, Benham; Walker Lewis, Mt. Airy; Pearl Anderson, Sparta; Howard Hatch, Elkin.

Patients dismissed during the week were: Mrs. Annie Calloway, Dobson; Mrs. Mettie Marsh, Dobson; Mrs. Edith Steelman, Boonville; Richard G. Chatham, Elkin; Mrs. Mary Cosifas, Elkin; Bobby Johnson, Elkin; Elder Gentry, Ronda; Stancel Gentry, Benham; Mrs. Gertrude Lowery, Mt. Airy; Mrs. Rich Chatham, Elkin; Julia Albea, Greensboro; Mary Lee Page, Knottville; Mrs. Addie Page, Knottville; Willie B. Allen, Mt. Airy; Mrs. John Hamill, Greensboro; Lorene Hayes, Elkin; Ernest Barbee, Charlotte; Sally Haywood, Elkin; W. R. Hamilton, Winston-Salem; Doris Reece, Leicester; Geraldine Hemric, Jonesville.

**WILL RESUME CLASSES AT SWAIM'S CHURCH**

Classes will be resumed at the Sunday school of Swaim's Baptist church Sunday morning at 9:45. Classes are suspended during the winter months and open again with the coming of warmer weather.

All students of the Sunday school are requested to attend and new members are invited.

780,000,000 tons of soil are carried by the Mississippi river into the Gulf of Mexico annually.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLE CARRIER AND DATE OF HEARING THEREON**

As required by Section 3, Chapter 136, Public Laws of 1927, notice is hereby given that application has been made by S & E. Transfer Co., Elkin, N. C., for a Franchise Certificate, authorizing the operation of motor vehicles transporting freight between Statesville and Elkin, N. C., over the public highways via the intervening towns of U. S. No. 21, and that the Utilities Commission will hold a hearing on the said application in State Depts., at Raleigh, N. C., on Thursday, the 9th day of March, 1939, at 11:00 o'clock a. m.

N. C. UTILITIES COMMISSION, R. O. Self, Chief Clerk.