

TOWNSHIP SCHOOL REPORT.

(Continued from last issue.)
 program will include ten contests, both literary and athletic, an exhibit of class room work and a general session, at which time the winning literary members will be presented. A field meet will be held in the afternoon and will consist of five entries by the boys, five by the girls and folk dances and singing, games by the primary department of each school. Ribbons will be awarded to the winners in all contests, and money prizes will be presented to the schools, making the highest percentage in all contests and the exhibit of work.
The Year's Education Progress.
 This progress may be summed up in its constructive building program; in the standard equipment of its buildings; in the organization and running of the schools; in eliminating a number of one and two teacher schools, thereby providing teacher-per-grade instruction for the major portion of the children in the township; in increasing the length of the school term 33 1-3 per cent; in the stimulation of local initiative and building morale; in organizing a trucking system for the township and transporting 252 pupils at the minimum cost of 4.92 per cent per pupil.
 (4) Keeping after-school office hours.
 This encourages teachers to come and discuss their educational problems and provide an opportunity for educational leadership for the supervisory officer.
 e) Raising the standard of the teachers.
 Of the 49 white teachers in the township, 15 are 10-15% hold A grade certificates, while 34 are 10-25% hold non-standard certificates. As a vacancy occurs we should endeavor to fill it with an A grade teacher. This must, and ought to be, a gradual process. The teachers now employed should be encouraged and given an opportunity to raise their certificates through summer schools and correspondence courses. A number of the township teachers to attend summer school this summer.
Building School Spirit.
 We are endeavoring to build school spirit, local and township, both at school and in the community. This is being done by:
 (a) Having programs and inviting parents to school.
 (b) Organizing parent-teacher associations, and suggesting specific work which they may do to improve the schools. The work that has been accomplished by the schools and these associations of the township, includes:
 (1) Purchasing reading books;
 (2) Supplementary readers, \$700.
 (3) Library books, \$300.00.
 One hundred dollars of the above

amount was donated by the county board of education, to stimulate the establishment of libraries in elementary schools.
 (b) Purchasing maps and globes; About 80 maps and three globes at a cost of \$344.00.
 (c) Special primary equipment, \$16.00.
 (d) Curtains, \$16.00.
 (e) Pictures, \$66.00
 (f) Improving grounds, \$330.00.
 (g) Athletic equipment, \$346.00.
 (h) Paid on piano, \$100.00.
 Total spent, \$1,518.00.

In addition, the high school has financed the home economics department by running a lunch room and has met the athletic expenses through the gate receipts.

In some of the schools we have no parent-teacher organization, but the patrons have contributed both time and money for the improvement and equipment. Quilantown school is one of the best examples of this, having under-pinned the building stone, the bid on which had been \$40.00; giving their services and use of their teams for clearing the school grounds of debris, leveling, plowing and making ready to sow grass and planting native shrubbery to beautify the school site. They had a box supper and raised money for the purchase of supplementary school readers.

This progressive school spirit which is now working bids fair to keep Waynesville Township in line with the general educational awakening in the State.

Statistical Report.

The statistical report for the six months' term is herein submitted. It gives an enrollment of 1623 pupils for the white schools, with an average daily attendance of 1260.3. It shows that 1.66 per cent of the pupils of the township are accelerated; that 46.56 per cent are doing normal work, and that 51.78 per cent are retarded. The colored school enrollment is 106, with an average daily attendance of 96.8 for the four months that the school has been in session. The age grade table shows that .94 of 1 per cent are accelerated; that 55.85 are normal, and that 65.21 per cent are retarded. These conditions are largely the result of the short school term, irregular attendance and small ungraded schools.

LEGAL ELECTION NOTICE.

All candidates who contemplate entering the city primary and election are required to file their intentions on or before Saturday, April 25, 1925.
JAMES ATKINS, Jr.
 Secretary City Ex. Committee, Democratic Party.

OUR RALEIGH COMMUNICATION.

(By M. L. Shipman.)
 Raleigh, N. C., April 20.—The affairs of Cullowhee Normal Institute were thoroughly aired during the past week by Attorney General Brummitt who investigated the institution at the direction of the Governor. Mr. McLean also had a hard week with the Stewart case which culminated Friday with the electrocution of father and son to expiate a murder in Brunswick county last year. A statement on the State's deficit was issued by the Governor, and various other matters occupied the attention of the Capital city.

The Governor, who has had considerable experience with the Washington system of going into matters without regard to "where the chips may fall," found out that there was trouble at Cullowhee. So, in direct and characteristic fashion, he directed Mr. Brummitt, the attorney general, to find out what it was and why. This the Attorney General did in a report which though rather lengthy was clear and unmistakable. The Governor should experience little difficulty in ascertaining whom he should not appoint to the Cullowhee board when that matter engages his attention in the next few days. The appointments probably would have been made ere now but for reported trouble at the institution.

Mr. Brummitt discovers that Walter E. Moore, chairman of the board is "at outs" with W. W. Watts, member of the board from Charlotte, and adds that whatever one does the other will oppose and so on. The affairs of the institution are said to be suffering. The Attorney General makes the further discovery that Mr. Moore has been acting as attorney for the institution and does not think well of the acceptance of such employment which requires service in a dual capacity with him acting as chairman of the board. The trouble between the two men seems chiefly to be over certain contracts and building arrangements for Cullowhee and a part of the difficulty, at least, is disposed of when the Attorney General declares the \$85,000 supplementary contract for a heating plant to be void. The Governor is studying the report, but has had nothing to say on the subject.

Proponents of the Edenhouse site for the bridge over the lower Chowan River won out over those favoring Coleman, twelve miles further up the river. The bridge, which will cost \$600,000, is of great importance to Eastern Carolina for it will bring the far northeastern counties in close connection with the rest of the State and complete the Atlantic Coastal Highway through the entire State. The State Highway Commission decided last week that the Edenhouse site

would be best.
 The State's deficit as of March 31st was \$8,327,964.25, according to a statement which the Governor had the proper officers to prepare for him. The State had a surplus of \$1,924,680.32 of collections over expenditures during the month, but it was explained that the peak of the income tax collections accounted for this. The total State debt, including bonds and short-term notes, is given as \$113,868,000.

Charles W. Stewart and his son, Elmer, went to their deaths in the electric chair on Friday, after an appeal for executive clemency had failed. The men confessed to committing the murders of Deputy Sheriff Leon George and Deputy U. S. Marshal Sam Lilly in Brunswick county last year. The case was hard fought through the Supreme Court and the Governor sought for a way to save the boy, at least, from death, but found that his conscientious duty would not allow him to exercise clemency.

The Salary and Wage Commission, which is to cut salaries of State employees and eliminate unnecessary helpers, has been called by the Governor to meet in his office on Thursday, April 13 and in preparation for the meeting heads of departments and institutions have been instructed to have ready a list of their employees, together with their duties and the salary each one receives.

Much comment has been aroused about the Capital by publication of an article telling about the 400-dollar bathtub, with electrical device attached, which it is said will be installed in the Executive Mansion at the State's expense. It is remarked that, though \$50,000 was allowed by the legislature for repairing the venerable pile of rocks that does service as the Governor's residence, still it is not considered advisable to provide equipment that most millionaires probably do not have. The proposal does not dovetail in the McLean program of economy. The feeling prevails here that \$50,000 could be used to better account in the construction of a new residence for the Governor than in repairing the present one. If the Governor should decide to halt this work on the old building his action would be generally approved. It would be economy in the long run.

The new office building for the Revenue Department will be completed during the summer. Contracts totaling \$379,233.00 have been let and work will go ahead at once. The legislature has allowed \$500,000 for the work, but this will not complete the building. The frame for a five-story building will be finished during the summer and the basement, first and second floors completed in entirety. The rest will remain to be finished at a later date.

The Attorney General has given an informal ruling that directors of banks are to be considered as officers and as such are to be included under the stringent regulations made for loans to officers of banks by the recent legislature. Heretofore, the directors have not been considered officers. A final opinion on the subject will be made by Mr. Brummitt in the near future, so that bank directors may know to what extent they may patronize the banks of which they are "officers."

The high schools of the State have received during the week \$100,000 from the special appropriation allotted to them by the legislature. This money is distributed on application and under certain regulations by the department of Education.

The Silver Jubilee of the Barabazatha organized Bible class in North Carolina will be held in Raleigh June 11-14. It was announced during the week Marshall A. Hudson, of Syracuse, N. Y., organizer of the class which is nation-wide in scope, will be present. Other religious leaders of note are expected.

The following have been appointed as members of the Equalizing Fund Commission authorized by the recent General Assembly: Dr. E. C. Brooks, Raleigh; Chas. A. Webb, Asheville; W. C. Feimster, Newton; E. D. Brown, Greensboro and Mrs. J. J. Jones, Salisbury. It will be the duty of this commission to distribute "to the best advantage" approximately \$250,000 amongst the counties entitled to receive share in it under the new basis of apportionment.

Governor McLean has appointed Capt. Nathan O'Berry, Goldsboro; Dr. H. V. Horton, Winston-Salem; Dr. J. E. Hart, Wadesboro; Dr. R. C. Beaman, Tarboro and Dr. John D. Robinson, Wallace, trustees of the State Hospital for the Negro Insane at Goldsboro. Trustees of the State Sanatorium for Tuberculosis: John R. Jones, Sanford; Jonas Oettinger, Wilson; Dr. J. C. Braswell, Whitaker; W. E. Harrison, Rockingham and A. B. Groom, Jr., Wilmington.

The wheat acreage in North Carolina has decreased during the past year, and this year the department of Agriculture looks for a crop of not more than 5,137,000 bushels. Ten years ago North Carolina was growing ten million bushels annually.

Plans for the endowment fund drive of the American Legion in Raleigh are going ahead steadily, the hope being to raise the local quota in a day. Governor McLean has named the following four members of the Soldiers' Home board: Miss Martha Haywood, Armstead Jones and William J. Andrews, Raleigh; and Mrs. R. E. Little, Wadesboro. These will select the other three.

The Grand Council Royal Arcanum is to meet here in annual conclave on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

For Alderman.

Being solicited by my friends to make the race for town Alderman, I have agreed to offer myself as a candidate for the office again. I had not desired to make the race but my

friends have been so insistent that I felt constrained to obey their wishes. If I am elected I promise the people of Waynesville to give them an honest and conservative administration.

I stand for progressiveness in all civic matters, yet I will feel that before any important improvements involving the expenditure of vast sums of money are involved that the tax payers be duly consulted.

In offering myself as a candidate I want the people to know that I am not making a fight for this office, but I am only offering myself as a citizen that has the welfare of the town at heart and willing to do anything in my power for the betterment and upbuilding of our town.

Thanking you for your support, I am,
 Sincerely yours,
 J. B. HENRY.

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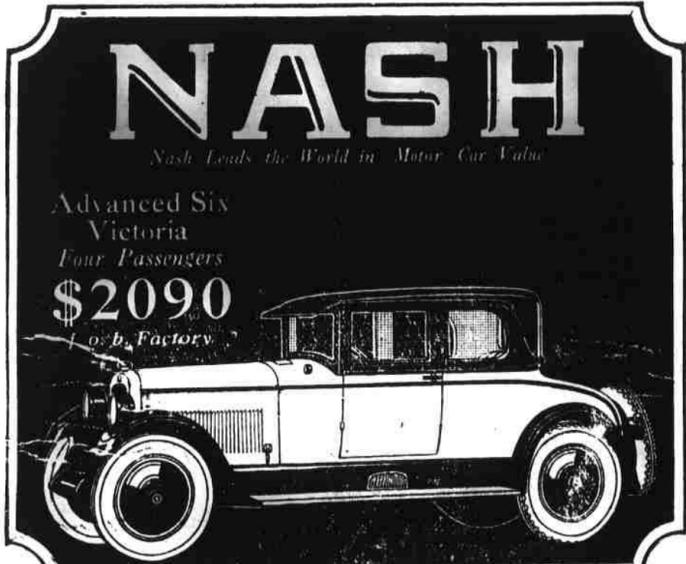
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