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## Six Reasons Why we Should Continue the Special School Tax for Boone District.

First: We want our town to grow, and the best inviting asset for any town is a good primary school. Vote down that tax now and we offer a four months school as against six in the districts out of Boone. The majority of our town people are those who came here to educate their children. Will others come to a 4-month's school?

Second: It was generally understood that when the tax was first voted that we should have a school house. This we now have and have paid more than half the debt, but owe about \$500 yet. A little more than \$1,000 has been paid for the house and the furnishings, but we have borrowed \$500.00 of this amount and will have to pay it back out of the general school funds and this will cut the school down to about four months or less. We voted the tax to get the school house built, and now do you propose to vote out the tax before we pay for the house? Let us be honest and pay the school house debt without robbing the children.

Third: Every cent of tax collected has been honestly applied to school purposes and well expended. We have had a very good school and have a most excellent building. Before the tax we had no school house for several years. If we had added nothing to the school term, the house itself is worth all the tax we have paid. Now we have the house and why not keep it full of children at least NINE months in the year. The longer the school the better the teacher for the same money. We would have the best equipped, the best taught, and the longest school in the county. We all realize the advantage; we feel the necessity pressed by every consideration of good to the children of the district and for the town; don't take fright at the tax collector.

Fourth: Our action here will influence other districts and tend to accelerate or impede the movement in this county for better education. If we can't afford a special tax here with all the state is doing for us, what district can?

Fifth: The State is annually expending about \$15,000.00 here in our town. The people in this district, I should think, handled about \$10,000.00 of this money, that is expended here. At least six per cent interest should be made on it here. That would be \$600.00. Now are we going to pocket that six hundred, that we get directly from the state school or shall we show our appreciation of what the state is doing by turning about one half the profit into a good primary school.

Sixth: We should and do, on second thought, appreciate the Appalachian Training school, an institution that is doing a greater good in the state than the originators ever imagined in their brightest dreams. It is the pride of our town, our county and our State. Suppose we vote down the special tax in this district and next year have a four months school, and then you are elected to the Legislature from this county and you are making a great appeal to the Legislature for an increased appropriation for the Training School, and some important fellow asks you if this school isn't located in a public school district that voted down a twenty cent special school tax and if your community isn't fighting better schools. Would you answer, "we want the state to help us who are unwilling to help ourselves?" Would you not feel better if you could say, "We back up this school of higher

## The Special School Tax in Walnut Grove District.

Mr. J. C. Mast, one of Watauga's most prosperous farmers; the sole owner of the Watauga Telephone System, therefore a heavy tax payer, was in town Thursday and being a very enthusiastic friend to the public schools of the county and to the special tax system as an auxiliary, was very solicitous to know what Boone district No. 1, will do at the coming election to determine whether or not the special tax for the benefit of our public school shall be abolished. He remarked that the people of No. 1 could not afford to take a step backwards, and gave this little story, showing how well the people of Walnut Grove district like the system. He says before their school building was completed, they held a school tax election, voting upon themselves for a period of 6 years, 30 cents on the \$100 valuation and 90 cents on the poll, the people voting almost unanimously for the tax. The six expired; another election was called; the same proposition submitted, and barely one vote was cast against it, and that by a citizen who was disappointed because there was not a compulsory attendance clause incorporated in the measure. Mr. Mast says, as a result of the special tax they are now able to employ two competent teachers, pay them a comfortable salary, and their annual school term is from seven to eight months. He concluded by saying, "The more experience we have with the special tax the better we like it." It is a fact worthy of note, that this school is located in one of the most thriving sections of the county, and many of its patrons are heavy tax payers. Still they are pleased with it, regardless of the fact that through its workings they are relieved of many shackles each year.

### Origin of Name "Dixie."

Where the Southern States and the famous Southern song derived the title "Dixie" is told in the history of the old "Citizens Bank of New Orleans, which the London Financial Times gives. Prior to the Civil War the bank, which had power to issue paper notes, put out several millions of dollars in denominations of \$10 and \$20. The \$10 bills were engraved in French, with the word "Dix," (10) prominently featured on the back. The bills became known as Dixies this money becoming popular. Louisiana became known as the land of the Dixies, and at last the term was so broadened as to include all the Southern States under the familiar "Dixie Land."—Ex.

John B. Greer is the newly appointed post master at Moravian Falls.

learning with the best primary school in the county." Think what your vote means. Misdirected avarice might lead to penury. With our public school under the very eave of the Training School, with first choice of all the teachers, there is no reason why we should not have the best primary school in the county. We should vote the tax, and let the State know that we are a school community. A persistent effort is being made to establish a Training school at Asheville. If this should be done it means a death blow to the Training School here, and to take the Training School from Boone would leave nothing here but a vacant spot with the breath knocked out of it.

F. A. LINNEY.  
Boone, N. C., Jan. 22.

## STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

George F. Young, a prominent farmer, was murdered at his home near Laurenburg, S. C., and his house burned to cover the crime.

On Tuesday of last week President Wilson delivered his trust message to Congress. It was a message of "business, peace and industrial freedom."

Senator Simmons has introduced a bill to appropriate \$5,000 for the erection of a monument to Nathaniel Macon, at Warrenton.

President Wilson has named John Skelton Williams, of Virginia, as Comptroller of Currency, and ex-officio member of the Federal Reserve Board.

Miss Helen Howard, of Morganton, recently left for China, where she goes as a Presbyterian missionary nurse. Her work will be in a hospital just outside the wall of the city of Soo Chow.

Richard D. Langford, Vice President and Secretary of the Southern Railway, was found dead in his bath room in Brooklyn, N. Y. He was asphyxiated by gas.

Braxton B. Webb, of Statesville, has been appointed a post office inspector, having passed successfully the Civil service examination, thereby landing the job.

John T. Oliver, the Reidsville editor who was defeated for the postmastership in that town, has been offered a field position in the Census Bureau at \$1,500 a year, and traveling expenses when at work out of the city.

Mrs. S. Wier Mitchell, wife of Dr. S. Wier Mitchell who died recently, died at her home in Philadelphia on Thursday of last week, of pneumonia. She was 77 years old and became ill after her husband's death.

The Whitaker Paper Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is to establish a branch office in Chartotte. The Western Union will establish a wholesale branch in Chartotte also for the handling of paper and printer's supplies.

Al J. Jennings, ex train robber and federal prisoner, is about to become a candidate for the governorship of Oklahoma. He won the Democratic nomination for county attorney of Oklahoma county, Oklahoma, in 1912.

Rev. E. L. Stack, a Methodist minister, of Bynum, Chatham county, while returning last Sunday eve from an appointment, lost control of his five-passenger car, which went over an embankment, broke Mr. Stack's arm and dislocated a hip. Three other passengers were not hurt.

John Eddleman, of Hooper, Nebraska, who has been interested in the development of gold mines in Yadkin county, has recently returned from his home and opened up work where, for several months, he kept hands at work in 1910.

John B. Gill, of Statesville, has been appointed Clerk of the Federal Court at Statesville, Salisbury and Charlotte, to succeed Col. H. C. Cowles, deceased. Mr. Gill was Col. Cowles' deputy. Mr. Millikan has also appointed Mr. Gill's daughter, Miss Ruth, deputy under her father.

Judge G. B. Gerald, an officer of the Confederate army and a great duelist, in the days of duels, died at Waco, Texas, on the 21st, at the age of 77 years. He requested that his body be burned and the ashes scattered on the Gulf of Mexico by a grandson. In 1897 Gerald killed J. W. Harris, managing editor of the Waco Times-Herald and his brother W. A. Harris, in a duel.

The city of Raleigh has defeated a bond issue of \$50,000 for schools.

The two principal buildings of Oak Ridge Institute, near Greensboro, were destroyed by fire on the 17th.

A Farm School for Mecklenburg county will be located at Pineville, that town having given \$26,000.

Mrs. Alice C. Ray, widow of the late General Ray, died at her home in Asheville a few days since.

Congressman Webb has recommended Hamilton Erwin for post master at Morganton to succeed Charles F. McKesson.

New York City employs about 110,000 persons, and every one of them is protected under a pension system, says the Herald.

A passenger train on the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Railroad was wrecked near Davidson on Monday night of last week. Fireman A. H. Wilson, of Charlotte, was killed, and Engineer J. E. Curlee, also of Charlotte, was scalded so fearfully that he died in a few hours. No one else was hurt. It has been 30 years since any one was killed on an A. T. & O. train until this.

The four men, Dr. Howard A. Kelley, of Baltimore, Dr. Robert Abbe and Dr. Gailord, of New York, and Dr. C. F. Burnham, of Johns Hopkins University, who have devoted years to the study of cancer, have agreed that radium is a cure for that terrible disease. They say that the crying need of their work is more radium, of which it is estimated, there is less than two grams in reduced form in the United States.

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### BANK STATEMENT.

Following is a report of the condition of the bank of Blowing Rock at Blowing Rock in the state of North Carolina, at the close of business Jan. 13, 1914:

RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts	30,940.94
Overdrafts secured	99.25
Overdrafts unsecured	79.69
Banking house	2,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,200.
All other estate owned	500.00
Due from b'ks and b'krs	12,853.78
Gold coin	1,507.50
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	1,101.99
National bank notes and other U. S. notes	4,200.00
Total	\$54,482.55

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock	\$11,750.00
Surplus fund	500.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	126.98
Dividends unpaid	705.00
Time certificates of deposit	15,306.09
Deposits subject to check	26,949.21
Cashier's c'ks outstanding	45.27
Total	\$54,482.55

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, s s: I, G. M. Sudderth, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

G. M. SUDDERTH, Cashier.  
Correct—Attest: W. L. Holshouser, W. C. Lentz, J. D. Brown, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of Jan, 1914.  
J. H. GREEN, J. P.

## Resolutions of Respect.

T. Adam Critcher, the subject of this sketch, was born August 7, 1844, and died Dec. 22, 1913. Brother Critcher was made a Master Mason in Watauga Lodge No. 273, more than 30 years ago and lived a consistent member of the same throughout the remainder of his life. He was also a member of Three Forks Baptist church and lived an exemplary christian life. He was one of a well-known and highly respected family, and throughout his life was regarded as one among the best of Watauga's citizens. He is survived by several children and grand-children, having been married twice.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst Brother T. Adam Critcher. Therefore be it resolved by Watauga Lodge, 273, A. F. & A. M.:

1. That in the death of Brother Critcher our lodge has lost one of its most faithful members, the church a consecrated and devoted christian worker, the community a kind and obliging neighbor and the family a devoted father.

2nd. That we humbly bow in submission to the will of Him who worketh all things for good to them that love Him, and commend the bereaved family and sorrowing friends to Him whose faithful follower brother Critcher had been for so many years.

3rd. That we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

4th. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Lodge, a copy sent to The Watauga Democrat with a request to publish and copy furnished the bereaved family.

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