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THE EDUCATIONAL OUTLOOK.

News and Observer.
The State goes forward in its work of giving educational opportunities to all the children. This year the equalizing fund for the public schools amounted to \$401,015.72 and was so apportioned as to increase the minimum school term which has heretofore been eighty days, to 103 3-10 days, an increase of 23 3-10 days.

Ninety counties of the State participated in the apportionment of this fund. Ten counties were not entitled to share in it, because their funds were sufficient to provide a longer term than 103 3-10 days without aid from the equalizing fund.

Fifty-seven counties of the State received aid from the second 100,000 last year and had a school term of only 80 days or 4 months. The school term in every district in these counties will be lengthened 23 3-10 days or 1 1/4 months by the equalizing fund this year. The school term in all the other counties of the State except ten will be considerably increased also.

Every school district will have a considerably longer term this year than ever before. The annual salaries of all good teachers will be increased 25 to 30 per cent. The monthly salary of all good teachers has also been considerably increased, while the number of teachers, according to the reports and applications from the various counties, has been increased 2,000, or about 20 per cent, this indicating a corresponding increase in the enrollment and attendance of school children on account of the compulsory attendance law.

In addition to the lengthened school term from the appropriation of \$401,000 (in round numbers) the school terms of the State will be further lengthened by the \$1,000,000 annually raised by local taxation in about 1,500 local tax districts. The average school term of the State this year therefore, may be reasonably expected to considerably exceed six months, as the local tax funds were not considered in the apportionment of the equalizing fund, being excluded from consideration by the law.

The equalizing fund having lengthened the minimum term 23 3-10 days, or 1 1/4 months, this year, in spite of the large increase in the number of teachers, necessitated by the increased attendance, it may be confidently expected, with the natural increase in the property and the assessment of the property of the State, to be sufficient in the next year or two to provide a minimum term of full six months, exclusive of all local taxes.

In order to participate in the equalizing fund every county of the State in which it was necessary was required to levy a tax sufficient to provide a full four months' term in every district. In this way these counties raised many thousand dollars more for their elementary schools than ever before. This year at least \$700,000 more will probably be extended for lengthening the terms, increasing the salaries of the teachers, and improving the character of the work of the elementary schools than ever before in the history of the State.

In addition to the marked progress in the elementary schools there is a correspondingly marked development in the 221 rural high schools of the State, enrolling last year about 8,000 country boys and girls, and a marked growth in interest in former life schools, for the special training of the country boys and girls in subjects pertaining to farming

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

Mrs. Rebecca Godwin, mother of Congressman Godwin, died at her home in Dunn, N. C. recently, after a lingering illness.

A reception was recently given in Baltimore to Bishop Alpheus Wilson of the M. E. Church South, in honor of his 80th birthday.

The proprietors of the Inn at Altapass, Mitchell County, have provided for golf links near the hotel.

A bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives to open up the coal lands of Alaska through the leasing system.

Manley McDowell, of Burke, has been given the appointment of Income Tax Agent for North Carolina.

Hon. William C. Redfield Secretary of Commerce in the Wilson cabinet will deliver the address at the University commencement next June.

Dr. W. W. Yew, the newly appointed Chinese Ambassador to Germany, is a Christian. He is the first Christian to hold that office.

The first direct shipment of foreign wool since the tariff was reduced, was received in Boston on the 6th from Australia. The cargo was valued at \$2,000,000.

A fine lot of Brushy Mountain apples have been shipped to the Agricultural Exposition now on at Dallas, Tex.

The Mercantile Bank of Memphis, Tenn., has been closed and its president C. Hunter Raine is in jail charged with misappropriation of more than 1/2 of a million dollars.

The battle ship North Dakota with its more than 800 officers and men, is quarantined at the Brooklyn Navy Yard on account of the discovery of a case of diphtheria on the vessel.

A site on Summit Mountain, near Asheville, has been selected by the War Department for the army camp for college students from southwestern States to be held next summer, from July 6th to August 2nd.

General John P. Hawkins, U. S. A., retired, died on the 7th at his home in Indianapolis, Ind. Gen. Hawkins was 83 years old and served through the Civil War and in a number of Indian Campaigns.

Ex-Solicitor J. F. Spainhour, of Morganton, has been retained as counsel for Clyde C. Clement, who is accused of murder at Spartanburg, S. C., where he and the young woman he had wronged, drowned their illegitimate child.

The historic Portuguese church, of 'Our Lady of Good Voyagers,' with all her vestments and social vessels, situated in Gloucester, Mass., was destroyed by fire on the 10th, an over-heated furnace the cause.

Miss Roberta W. Wyeth, of New York, recently sailed for Italy because a veterinarian told her her pet Mexican dog needed a sea voyage, as it had lung trouble. Wonder if she would have done so much for a helpless child? A pity it would be if the dog should get ship wrecked and lost!

and country things and country life. Six additional farm life schools have been established during this school year and movements are already on foot for the establishment of others.

The educational progress of North Carolina has never been so good and the educational outlook of the State and its people was never so bright as in this good year of 1914.

George, the 15 year-old son of Mr. Frank Church who lives near Wilkesboro, was out rabbit hunting recently and in some way his gun was accidentally discharged, the contents taking effect in his stomach and bowels, and he died in a very few hours.

Robert G. Bremner, member of Congress, from the 7th New Jersey district and editor of the *Pasaic* (N. J.), *Daily Herald*, died in Baltimore where he had been undergoing the radium treatment for cancer. He was 39 years old and has been suffering for 4 years.

Mr. Kemp Doughton, son Hon. R. A. Doughton, of Alleghany county, has stood the examination for National Bank examiner, making the highest mark of any one applying for the job; has received his commission. He succeeds Mr. Fred A. Hull, of Asheville.

Mr. Ellis Gardner, of Burnesville, has been appointed by the Attorney General to Assistant District Attorney, in Alaska, the position paying \$300.00 a year. The appointment is not to be effective until Mr. Gardner can penetrate the ice and snow of that country, which will probably be a month hence.

Dr. W. H. Wooten, one of the leading physicians of Davidson, was shot on the night of the 10th, by Mr. Monroe Jetton, a druggist of the same town, and died in a short while. Jetton was arrested at once, but remains silent as to his motive for the deed, man's wife is a cousin of his slayer, and they are all prominent people.

Mr. F. P. Mast and wife of Watauga, were here yesterday. Mrs. Mast was returning from Albermanle where she had been to instruct the principal of an Industrial School at that place in the art of weaving the nice counterpanes, rugs, etc., for which Mrs. Mast is so noted.—Lenoir News.

A telephone message was received here last Saturday evening that Mr. Ed Clinard, son of our countyman, Mr. F. A. Clinard, had been killed that day in a wreck on the Southern Pacific Railway between Tucson and Yuma, Arizona. Young Mr. Clinard has been in the west for several years and was employed in railroading, probably conductor at the time of his death. The body will be brought to Hickory for burial.—Lenoir News.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Notice Of Sale.

North Carolina, Watauga County, in the Superior Court. R A Moretz vs. E B Miller and W W Miller. By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the superior court of Watauga county, in the above entitled action I will on the 23 day of March 1914 (it being the first day of court) at 1 o'clock P M at the court house door of said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution, all the right, title and interest of the said E B Miller and W W Miller have in the following described real estate to wit: Adjoining the lands of William Hodge and Sam Day, and bounded as follows: Beginning on a sourwood on the Snake Den ridge and runs North 18 poles to a stake pointers; then West 20 poles to a stake in Millers line; then North with Miller's line about 103 poles to the Sam Hodge tract; then East with Miller's line 17 poles to Miller's oak corner; then a West course with said line 3 poles to a stake in the ridge road; then a South course with said road and Wm. Hodge's line 40 poles to a stake; then South 20 East 20 poles to a stake; then South 4 poles to a stake; then South about 35 East 38 poles to a chestnut Cal Moretz corner; then South 37 East 39 poles to a chestnut oak; then South about 60 East 13 poles to a dogwood Reece's corner, then South 33 West 15 poles to a stake Day's corner; then North 55 West with Day's line 25 poles to a black gum; then South 61 West 21 poles to a black pine; then North 82 West 27 poles to the beginning; containing 62 acres more or less. This Feb 19th, 1914.

E. R. EGGERS, Sheriff.

Resolutions of the Executive Committee of the N. C. Anti Saloon League.

Whereas, we believe that a Virginian has no more right to sell liquor in North Carolina than a North Carolinian, and that it will help the State-wide prohibition fight in Virginia to prohibit the sale in this State by Virginians; and

Whereas, We believe that it is the duty of the State to act as a guardian of the children and mothers of the State and for the generations to come, and that under this guardianship the State ought to do its utmost to stop fathers from drinking, and

Whereas, The Baptist State Convention, the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the other churches in the State have memorialized the General Assembly of 1915 to pass act prohibiting the delivery of liquor within the State; and,

Whereas, The reports coming to us from the eight counties where such prohibitory laws now operate are that the law is a success; and,

Whereas, Evidence comes to us to show that the blind tigers and liquor drinkers have joined hands to destroy the effectiveness of the Search and Seizure Law; and,

Whereas, There is a great demand from all over the State for this legislature; now therefore, be it resolved by the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Anti Saloon League—

1. That we, in harmony with the action of the churches above referred to, declare ourselves in favor of the passage of an act by the next General Assembly to prohibit the delivery of liquor in our State for beverage purposes, that we request the citizens of the State in every voting precinct to call upon their candidates for the General Assembly to declare themselves on this question, and we urge the Christian voters to see to it that such members of the General Assembly are elected as will stand for this measure.

2. That we instruct our Superintendent to so organize the State and carry this campaign into all the counties as that we shall be assured of the passage of this measure by the next General Assembly.

Mrs. Boyd Ill.

Mrs. A. H. Boyd, who has been in declining health for several months, is now critically ill at the home of her daughter here. Mrs. Boyd is the widow of the late sheriff and her numerous friends—she never had an enemy—will learn with regret of her permanent decline and critical illness.—Lenoir Topic.

John H. Hartley, formerly of Avery County and who went West some time ago, was found dead in bed in a rooming house in Bisbee, Arizona about three weeks ago. An autopsy showed that he killed himself by swallowing cyanide of potassium, which he stole from a blacksmith shop. A separation from his wife preyed upon his mind, and despondency resulting from a loss of his money. Calvin, James and Dal Hartley, of this county are brothers of his.—Avery Vim.

Says a contemporary: "The theory that there is no fool like an old fool was ruthlessly shattered when an 18 year old Texan married a widow with 13 children." The boy did not have the experience to act like an old fool. The old fool would have married the 18 year old girl of the family and left 17 of the children to help mother.—Wilmington Star.

A Warning to Farmers.

The department of Agriculture has issued the following warning to farmers:

Look out for the fakir. He has for the past few weeks been operating in the central part of the State, and has deceived and defrauded farmer after farmer, selling them ordinary seeds from \$4 to \$6 per bushel that were not worth more than from \$1 to \$1.50 per bushel.

Keep your eye on the fellow who comes to your home with his new kind of seeds for spring or fall sowing—seed that makes miraculous yields. Ask him to show his license to sell seeds in North Carolina. If he cannot show the receipt of the commissioner of Agriculture for money paid for such a license, get his name and address and send them to us and we will make an effort to get in touch with him. It will pay you to write the state department of Agriculture before buying seeds from these seed peddlers.

Last year these seed fakirs did much damage in Wilkes and other counties in that section and finally the farmers cried out against their dirty business, but they reached us too late to do them any good—it was a case of locking the stable after the horse was stolen.

We have just received a complaint that these fakirs are in the state again, selling seeds for spring sowing at ridiculously high prices, and we are after them, but they may get you before we can get them. Therefore, be on the lookout for them.

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If Col. Goethals doesn't watch out one of his hardest jobs will be to prevent some misguided friend from making him a candidate for president.—Philadelphia Press.

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