

ENGLISH SCHOOL IS NOW IN PROGRESS

Twenty-five Students from Fifteen States Enroll. Famous Authors to Lecture.

BANNER ELK—The Banner Elk School of English, first venture of its kind in the South, opened this week under the direction of Professor Edwin Osgood Grover of the faculty of Rollins College at Winter Park, Florida. Over twenty-five students, from fifteen states as widely scattered as Texas, Minnesota, New England and Florida, came to this tiny mountain village for the opening. Most of the students are instructors in English in high schools and many are young writers who have come to study short story writing, play production, and the writing of poetry.

Classes are held each morning from nine to one, after which the students are free to look for local color and human interest and other material in the rugged mountain country around Banner Elk, which is at four thousand feet elevation.

Besides Dr. Grover, who is teaching a course on the history of the book, the summer school of English faculty includes Dr. Harold Blodgett, of Dartmouth, who is dean; Professor Edwin Granberry, of Rollins, who has published three novels and whose short short-story three years ago won the O. Henry Memorial prize; and Dr. Ed Winfield Parks, professor of literature at the University of Georgia, who is giving a course on the literature of the new South.

Other faculty members are Miss Eunice Tietjens, famous poet and co-founder with Harriet Monroe of "Poetry: A Magazine of Verse"; and Miss Tietjens' husband, Cloyd Head, co-director of dramatics at the University of Miami, and formerly executive director of the Goodman Memorial Theatre of the Art Institute of Chicago. Miss Tietjens is teaching a class in the writing of poetry and Mr. Head is giving courses in the organization of the theatre and in play production.

Lecturers Calendared

Among visiting lecturers during the summer will be Julia Peterkin, noted South Carolina author of "Scarlet Sister Mary" and "Green Thursday"; Rose Mills Powers, author of "Psyche's Lamp," and a member of the poetry society of America; and Olive Tilford Dargan, North Carolina novelist, poet and dramatist, whose novel "Call Home the Heart," received wide attention as a picture of the Gastonia textile strike. Mrs. Dargan will publish a new novel in September. Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, State director of education, will visit the school during the summer.

The school of English has no official relation to Lees-McRae Junior College at Banner Elk, although its headquarters are in the buildings of the junior college which operates each summer as an inn. The school opened with a reception in the Lees-McRae College library, given by Miss Allison B. Stirling, librarian, for the faculty of the Banner Elk School of English, President and Mrs. Edgar H. Tufts of Lees-McRae College, resident members of the Lees-McRae faculty, and other guests. Mrs. Rosalia Shell, of Banner Elk, sang mountain ballads, and Miss Doris Swett, of Southern Pines, a summer resident of Banner Elk, showed her collection of twenty etchings of mountain scenes in the Grandfather Mountain region. Some of them were shown recently at the exhibit of the Philadelphia Society of Etchers.

Other plans for the school include the presentation of several one-act plays, here and at Blowing Rock, by dramatic students; and a lecture here by Jean Jacques Pfister, noted landscape artist and new summer resident of Blowing Rock. Mr. Pfister, a member of the art department of Rollins College, will paint a mountain scene at Banner Elk during the course of his lecture to the school of English.

Willard Wattler, well-known poet and member of the Rollins College faculty, may also come up during the summer.

THE MOUNTAINS

The mountains true allure you
To heights so sweet inviting,
To all who need their vigor pure,
To beautiful scenes inviting,
Attractive, too, to yearning souls,
Here where the cooling breezes blow,
Both in early morning hours
And in the pleasing evening time,
Fanning so sweetly
The cheeks so heated by
The scenes in lower lands so far
Removed from lovely mountains,
Which hold the sweetest balm
To rest the weary ones
From out the lowland climes,
Where sweltering heat depresses.
Yes, mountains true allure you
To heights so sweet inviting.

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Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh and Dr. Alexis Carrel Achieve Sensational Medical Triumph.



NEW YORK—The development of an "artificial heart" and a man-made "blood-stream" which enables science to keep vital organs of man alive and functioning outside the body, is hailed as the most sensational in the annals of medicine. The two men who achieved this triumph are Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, America's ace birdman, above left, who invented the pump, and Dr. Alexis Carrel, above right, Nobel Prize Winner, the medical expert.

News Items From Raleigh

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Vance last Saturday and in Halifax next Saturday.

Judge Walter L. Small, not passing on the constitutionality, issued an order restraining the "drys" from interfering with the election scheduled in Beaufort County. The "drys" had secured a temporary restraining order from Judge E. H. Crainner preventing the election, but, finding he would not be heard to hear it on the permanent issue, shifted it to Judge Small. Whereupon, the "drys" took a non-suit. The "wets," however, asked for and secured the order preventing interference with the Beaufort election plans.

The North Carolina Supreme Court met last week and adjourned the session, to meet again late in August. Appeals from the above decisions cannot be heard until then and opinion will be some time later. So, Franklin cannot hold its vote, and New Hanover and Greene can hold theirs, but they will not be legal. Wilson and Edgecombe, meanwhile, are continuing plans for opening county liquor stores.

Beaufort County voted 3 1/2 to 1 and Vance County 5 to 1 for liquor stores in elections Saturday. Wilson and Edgecombe had voted 10 to 1 and are now getting in their liquor supplies for opening the stores.

TEACHER ALLOTMENT

Watauga County was allotted 129 teachers and principals for the public schools for next year, as compared

with 130 for the entire period last year by the State School Commission just week. This is the first allotment and readjustments will be made before school opens and teachers will be added as needed after the opening. For the State as a whole 23,042 teachers and principals were allotted, which is about 100 more than the allotment at this time last year. For the entire year passed 23,322 were allotted. Estimates are that 500 or 600 more will be allotted before schools and next year, making the total number about 23,600, or some 300 more than for the last year.

GRAHAM FOR CONTROL

Lieutenant-Governor A. H. (Sandy) Graham, Hillsboro, candidate for Governor, has come out for local option liquor control and elimination of the sales tax on the bare necessities of life in a statement issued here last week. "At the next regular session of the State Legislature I favor enactment of a State alcoholic control system, based upon the principle of local option, so that the voters of every county may have the opportunity of expressing their views on this question," he said. Liquor stores should be operated "only in those counties where a majority of the voters have expressed themselves as favoring this method of handling the sale of whiskey. I feel that such a State-wide plan would be a forward step in bettering existing conditions. General conditions are certainly not satisfactory at the present, and I strongly favor taking steps to remedy this situation."

ation." Saying this would bring large revenue, he said that this revenue should be used "for removal of the sales tax now levied on foods and the bare necessities of life. It would also permit a substantial reduction of the present rate," said Mr. Graham.

Clyde R. Hoey, also candidate for Governor, said he would make no public statement now, but "when the time comes I will discuss all issues fully and make my position clear on each controverted question."

PLAY FOR STATE CONVICTS

J. B. Roach, head of the State Penal division, has a playground program for every prison camp in the State, more than 80 of them, at a cost of not more than \$50 a camp, which is approved by Chairman Capus M. Waynick of the department. Handball, volleyball, basketball and other sports will be used. This will be put into effect at an early date, on connection with the school instruction plan for State convicts. Mr. Roach, engineer and former Mayor of Statesville, thinks the plan will help prevent self-mutilation of hands and feet by convicts to avoid work.

LEE CASE DROPPED IN TENN.

Federal charges against Col. Luke Lea, North Carolina's most noted convict, of aiding and abetting in alleged misapplication of funds of the closed Holston-Union National Bank, Knoxville, Tenn., have been dropped by the federal court in Tennessee. He is seeking a full pardon, claiming he is not guilty of bank law violations in this State. The Governor is considering it.

THE NEW SALES TAX

North Carolina's extension of the sales tax to eight formerly exempted basic food items is now in effect. Only milk of the nine items, is exempt now, the tax going on eight other items, meat, flour, meat, lard, molasses, salt, sugar and coffee. Products of farms, woods, mines and waters, sold direct from producer to consumer, are not taxed. Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell thinks the tax will be easier collected, as separate records do not have to be kept of formerly exempted items. The 3 per cent tax on hotel, restaurant and business meals, became effective June 1st.

MERCHANTS WITHDRAW

Five local units have resigned or withdrawn from the North Carolina Merchants Association in the last week or so, including Winston-Salem and Statesville, whose resignations were not accepted by the State directors meeting here last week, and Gastonia, Reidsville and Rockingham, whose withdrawals have since been received. Willard L. Dowell, State secretary, comments that it seems to be an organized effort to disrupt the State organization. The North Carolina Fair Tax Association, of which J. Paul Leonard, Statesville, former merchant secretary, is secretary, is said to have a part in the trouble, which Mr. Leonard denies.

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

Counties of the State may use adult drivers for school buses if they are willing to supplement the allotment made for this purpose by the State School Commission, which increased the amount per driver from

\$7.50 to \$8.50 a month at its meeting last week. This may be used as part of the wages going to the adult drivers, Secretary LeRoy Martin announced. The basis of pay for city and county superintendents was reached, an increase, while janitors were increased 15 to 20 per cent as to wages and the janitors' supplies item was increased 15 per cent. Slight increases were made in allotments for water, light and power, but the fuel item remains about the same. The amount for operation of buses is about the same, but plans are made for improving the operation of buses and to secure efficient maintenance of equipment.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Dr. W. Lloyd Aycock, member of the Harvard Infantile Paralysis Commission, is in Raleigh to confer with Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, acting State health officer, on the near epidemic of the disease in this State, in which about 250 cases have been reported since January, and about 100 last month. State health officers in Washington last week said Federal officials would give complete co-operation and aid in fighting the disease. Dr. Aycock, distant relative of the late Governor C. B. Aycock, and native of Georgia, has spent 20 years in studying the disease, and will be in this State some time making a study of conditions here. Caution, but not frenzy, is advised by Dr. Reynolds, who is centering the efforts of his office on the disease.

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