

COUNTY SCHOOLS GRADED

SALARIES FIXED YESTERDAY.

Important Meeting of County Board of Education—Year Does Not Properly End Until July 1, But Report on Building Operations is Made So That It Will Be Out of the Way When the Term Arrives—Average White Male Teacher's Salary Is Little the Rise of \$30 a Month, That of the Lady Teachers Slightly More Than \$35—Six New Buildings for Whites and Three for Negroes Built During Year.

The June meeting of the county board of education of Mecklenburg held yesterday morning in the court house was of some hours' duration and as it considerable business of importance was transacted. The schools of the county were graded, the number of teachers and the salaries to be paid each were determined. The plans for building operations during the summer occupied a considerable portion of time and a list of places where additional buildings are needed was proposed by the county superintendent and finally approved by the board. From this it would appear likely that seven schools houses for white pupils and four for colored pupils will be built. The list, however, was not given to the press, being tentative since meetings must be held in the neighborhood of each of the proposed buildings in order that the co-operation of the local residents may be secured. They are required to pay half the costs. In Lemley, No. 2, it is assured that a building costing something like \$450 will be erected.

Counting the work on the Huntersville High School among the erection of new structures, where it practically belongs, the board during the year which will end July 1, has built six houses for white children. These are at Derita, Steele Creek, No. 3, Paw Creek, No. 1; Lemley, No. 4; Crab Orchard, No. 2; and Huntersville. High School. Three schools for negroes were built and five buildings for whites were repaired, all at a cost it is said of about \$10,000. Among the improvements certain to be made this summer is the building of an ell to the Cornelius school house.

Calculations made after the fixing of salaries yesterday showed that the total monthly salaries of the white teachers in Mecklenburg is \$4,477.50. This is an average of \$38.15 a teacher. The average for white male teachers is something over \$30 a month and that for white female teachers over \$25 a month. The table shows an advance over the previous pay rolls of perhaps \$400.

SPECIAL TAX DISTRICTS

An interesting resume is that which shows the local tax districts in Mecklenburg and the amounts levied in each district, up to July 1, 1908, as follows:

Table with columns: Township, School, Property, Poll, Amt on Property, Amt on Poll. Lists various districts like Berryhill, Steele Creek, etc.

The following taxes have been levied during the past twelve months:

Lemley, District No. 4—July 1, with 15 registered, 12 voting favorably and three against, a tax of 25 cents on property and 2 cents on poll was assessed. In Providence, District No. 2, August 11, with 24 registered, 19 voting favorably and none against, a tax of 25 cents on property and 2 cents on poll was assessed.

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Table with columns: Districts, Teachers Salary, Total. Lists districts like No. 1-Freedlands Chapel, No. 2-Oak Grove, etc.

CLAR CREEK

Table with columns: No., Teachers Salary, Total. Lists districts like No. 1-Bain Academy, No. 2-Wilson Grove, etc.

CRAB ORCHARD

Table with columns: No., Teachers Salary, Total. Lists districts like No. 1-Back Creek, No. 2-Newell Academy, etc.

DEWEES

Table with columns: No., Teachers Salary, Total. Lists districts like No. 1-Cornelius, No. 2-Davidson, etc.

LEMLEY'S

Table with columns: No., Teachers Salary, Total. Lists districts like No. 1-Gilead, No. 2-Pidgley, etc.

LONG CREEK

Table with columns: No., Teachers Salary, Total. Lists districts like No. 1-Davidson, No. 2-Hopewell, etc.

MEETING OF THE DESCENDANTS

Organization Meeting of the Society Formed of the Descendants of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, Held Yesterday Afternoon at the City Hall—Capt. S. B. Alexander Elected President—Another Meeting Calulated for Tomorrow.

The organization meeting of the society of the descendants of the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was held yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the office of Mayor T. W. Hawkins in the city hall. Those present were Dr. George W. Graham, Dr. J. E. S. Davidson, Dr. J. H. Alexander, E. S. Baxter, Davidson, J. Arthur Henderson, A. M. McDonald, John H. H. H. H., Mrs. E. E. Cochran and Misses Addie, Harry and Lola Barnett. Dr. George W. Graham was elected chairman of the meeting and Mr. J. Arthur Henderson secretary. Mr. E. S. Alexander announced to those present that the purpose of the meeting was for the organization of a historical society to perpetuate the notable event of May 20, 1775.

It was decided at the meeting that the officers of the society should consist of a president, two vice presidents, a secretary and a treasurer and an official historian. Capt. S. B. Alexander was elected president of the organization. Mr. R. O. Alexander, first vice president, Mr. E. Brevard McDowell, secretary, and Mr. A. M. McDonald, treasurer. The other vice presidents will be elected at the first regular meeting to be held next Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the city hall. Each vice president will represent at the meetings one of the original signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration.

Messrs. T. F. Klutz, Jr., F. B. McDowell, Col. W. C. Maxwell, Dr. G. W. Graham, Dr. J. H. Alexander and Capt. S. B. Alexander were appointed as the committee to draw up the constitution and by-laws of the organization and to decide upon a name under which the society will operate. There was much interest evinced by those present as to the work to be done by the society. In order not to make the membership too easy a thing to secure, it was decided that before new members are received into the organization, that their names should be presented to a committee, appointed to look into the character and standing of the applicant. This committee shall have the right to reject or accept names presented.

No discussion was entered into as to the manner in which the society should be run, it being deemed wise to allow the officers, to be elected at the meeting next week, to take part in having out plans for the future. A membership fee of not more than \$2 a year was decided upon and, as had been stated prior to the meeting yesterday, the daughters, as well as the sons, of the signers will be permitted to join and to assist in making the society a prominent one in the social life of the city. Within a few days, four to five hundred direct descendants of the signers of the Declaration who live in Mecklenburg county, there is every hope that the organization will prosper and one of the first things looked to be done by the members will be to issue invitations to an elaborate banquet.

BIG PYTHIAN MEETING

Grand Lodge Convenes To-Night For Three Day Session in Hendersonville—D. O. K. K. Gathering of United States and Canada in Asheville Next Month.

A large number of Pythians will leave this morning for Hendersonville. In the western mountains, where the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythians will meet tonight for a three day session. The knights are anticipatory of a great time. They are interested also in the assembling of the Grand Palace of the D. O. K. K. of the United States and Canada which will be held in Asheville about the middle of July. Great preparations are being made for this affair, the body expected being among the most notable which Asheville will entertain this summer. It is proposed that a special train be run from Charlotte to Asheville for this occasion, parties down the seaboard as far as Wilmington and down the coast to Charlotte. The program of the Grand Lodge meeting appeared in yesterday's Observer.

WOMAN GETS FOUR MONTHS

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BEGINS BREAKING ROCK

Lamont, the Pickpocket, Goes to Mr. Little's Camp To-Day—Will Be Put to Hard Work—Superintendent Will Keep Close Watch Over Him.

None of the superintendents of the county chain gangs want George Lamont, the convicted pickpocket, among their men. They fear he is an undesirable character, and also that his pals, with whom he is undoubtedly in communication, will at some near date make an effort to rescue him. Lamont was convicted in court last week and sentenced to five years on the county roads. His term will begin to-day, being assigned, over the protest of Superintendent H. C. Little, who has charge of the camp of convicts, at work on the Rozzell ferry bridge.

Death of Former Charlotte Resident

News was received recently by relatives in this city of the sudden death last week in Rutherford, N. J., of Mrs. Blanche Lorine Asherfeldt, formerly Miss Blanche Busckert, pleasantly remembered by many friends here as teacher of vocal music and voice culture at Elizabeth College during its first year. She leaves behind her husband two little boys and an infant girl, an aged mother, who is a sister of Rev. Dr. C. B. Harshbarger of this city, and one sister, Mrs. Gertrude Dodson, of Washington, D. C.

Land Auctioneered Yesterday

Land was sold at auction yesterday by Mr. W. A. Gresham in several tracts. Part of the estate of the late W. E. Griffith, at Griffith's, five miles south of the city, was divided into eleven lots and sold for a total of \$1218. For Mr. Plummer Stewart, trustee, a tract of 63 acres in Paw Creek was sold for about \$1500. A lot in Villa Heights was disposed of under execution for \$500.

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Colored Woman Bound Over. The evidence of Carrie Gray, a colored woman, to the effect that she had seen Mary Rogers, colored, with a stick pin which was a part of a number of similar articles stolen from the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, on East Fifth street, caused the prisoner to be bound over in the sum of \$10 yesterday. The woman and her home were searched but nothing had been found and she protested her innocence with vehemence. The Gray woman said the stick pin was in the trunk of the accused.

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