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## Sunday School Institute

Windsor, N. C., July 2-4, 1915.

The Institute is for instruction and study. In it Officers and Teachers will be told about their Obligations and Duties.

Church Members will be reminded of their duty. All questions will be answered in open meeting. Methods of instructions, plans for organization and management will be discussed. The meetings will be practical.

### THE SPEAKERS

Mr. E. L. Middleton, Raleigh, N. C., Sunday School Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, will conduct the meeting as a part of a State-wide movement for Teachers Training.

Mr. J. M. Broughton, Jr., Raleigh, N. C. member of the Sunday School Committee of the Baptist State Convention, and Superintendent Sunday School.

The first session will be held Friday night, 8 o'clock, July 2nd. There will be three sessions on both days of the Institute. Saturday and Sunday, July 3rd, and 4th.

The work will be based on Division I of the "New Normal Manual." It is earnestly hoped that many will begin a serious study of this book so valuable to every Sunday school worker. Books will be on sale at the institute.

The meeting is for Sunday-school workers of the West Chowan Association. It is urged that every school shall send as many of its workers as possible.

If you plan to be present, write Mr. J. H. Matthews, Windsor, N. C., so that free entertainment may be provided for you.

## GROWING TOBACCO CROP

From all about we hear favorable reports of the growing tobacco crop. We hear of considerable improvement in the Western crop. South Carolina has a fairly good crop, and we may expect a better yield down that way than last year. In eastern North Carolina the crop is as satisfactory as could be expected. There will probably be some increase over last year's production. In the Old Belt section tobacco is growing rapidly, with here and there a patch ready to top.

Our estimate of North Carolina crop is that there is an increase of not less than 5 per cent, and not more than 10 per cent. This, however does not mean that the crop will pan out more in pounds than last year. One never knows what a day may bring forth in a tobacco crop. It may be good today and bad tomorrow. It is an encouraging fact, however, so far as production is concerned, that a good stand was secured, and that crop up to today is healthy and promising.—Southern Tobacco Journal.

## FARMERS, LOOK OUT!

Many barns and storage buildings are burned by the combustion of hay and grain, which being stored before it is properly dried, or becoming damp from some other source, generates sufficient heat to ignite the gases thrown off from the vegetable matter and thus starts a conflagration. Whenever hay or grain begins to show any indications of heating, it should be moved, aired, and dried.

## Bertie and Northampton Improvements.

We clip the following items from last week's Manufacturers Record:

N. C., Aulander—Peanut-picking Machinery.—Herring Machine Co., capital \$10,000, inepted, by J. W. Herring, A. C. Slade and others.

N. C., Jackson.—Northampton County, Jackson Township, will construct 8 or 10 mi. clay-gravel and sand-clay roads under \$16,000 bond issue; Road Commrs., G. A. Moore, Secy., receive bids until July 10.

## Polluted Farm Waters.

In selecting a country home for the summer special attention should be given to the question of a pure water supply. Farms, which are generally remote from towns, cities, or other areas of congested population, seem to be almost ideally situated for obtaining pure and wholesome water. In reality, however, polluted water is exceedingly common on farms, and typhoid fever rates are usually greater in country districts than in cities. Typhoid fever is transmitted largely in drink of food taken into the stomach and is especially likely to be communicated by polluted waters obtained from shallow wells near spots where the discharges of typhoid patients have been deposited and subsequently carried into the wells, and it is doubtless principally this fact that makes the disease so common in farming regions.

The sources of the water used are numerous—lakes, streams, springs, wells, of various kinds, and cisterns—all being extensively used, although the water from lakes and streams is generally used only for stock. Each of these sources under some conditions may yield entirely safe and satisfactory supplies, while under other conditions certain of them may be a constant menace to health.

Of the various sources of water supply the ground water is the most satisfactory for farm use, because it is least liable to pollution; and streams and ponds are the most unsatisfactory, because of the ease and frequency with which they are contaminated. Fortunately, however, they are very seldom used for drinking and domestic purposes, being utilized mainly for stock, on which the effect of slight general pollution is not serious, though some severe epidemics of disease among cattle have been traced to polluted streams. The underground supplies, whether from wells or springs, although safe in many localities, are far from being universally so, the safety depending mainly on their location and on the nature of their protection.

Many of the failures to protect adequately the water supplies used for drinking arise from a lack of knowledge of the manner in which waters circulate through the ground and of the ways in which they may become polluted. Information on these subjects should be of value, and it is with this object of supplying this information that the United States Geological Survey has published Water Supply Paper 255, on "Underground Waters for Farm Use," a copy of which may be obtained free on application to the Director of the Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

## A Knocker And A Booster.

When the Creator had made all the good things, there was still some work to do, so He made the beasts and reptiles and poisonous insects, and when He had finished He had some scraps that were too bad to put into the Rattlesnake, the Hyena, the Scorpion and the Skunk, so he put all these together, covered it with suspicion, wrapped it in jealousy, marked it with a yellow streak and called it a KNOCKER.

This product was so fearful to contemplate that He had to make something to counteract it, so he took a sunbeam and put it into the heart of a child, the brain of a man, wrapped these in civic pride, covered it with brotherly love, gave it a mast of velvet and a grasp of steel, and called it a BOOSTER; made him a lover of fields and flowers, and manly sports, a believer in equality and justice, and, ever since these two were, mortal man has had the privilege of choosing his associates.—Selected.

What a good thing the war is on the other side of the Atlantic!

## Mr. Bill Myers Tells About the Age of a Gray Mule in Bertie County

On that same shady side of the Colonel Hotel in Ahoskie, where the young men gather to talk and play checkers for pass time and where Joe Askew some times comes to town to try his hand at the favorite game with all comers, the crowd had gathered and something was said about the life of a mule, when Mr. Bill Myers came up and took a vacant chair and listened with some interest. It was noticed that he reached down in his breeches pocket and drew forth a plug and proceeded to tear off a good size chew of the weed and place it in his left jaw and then moved his chair a little nearer, which indicated that he was going to teach that group of Billie Widomans something, who pretended know all about the life of mules.

"Well," said Mr. Myers, "I dont know nothing about the ordinary black or brown mules, but I do know something about the life of a gray mule and this is no lie. For when I was a boy, George Lane, who was the father of Harvey Lane, over in Bertie county, went to Mrs. Betsy Watford's sale and bought a gray mule whose age was just twenty-two years. I knew that mule for a long time afterwards, for when that mule had well passed his thirtieth birthday, I hauled barrel timber from my father's woods to George Lane's to be made into barrels, for George Lane was a cooper or barrel maker; and believe

me that mule was active, young and fiery in his ways—for his high kicking blood was still hot and had not cooled off a bit—for he could kick a negro's cap off his head and never touch his scull—and would run away just as certain as the sheep skin worked out from under the saddle."

Someone in the company asked Mr. Myers how long the old gray mule lived! To which question, he answered: "Lived! You mean or want to know when that gray mule died? Why bless your soul, the last time I heard from that mule he was forty and in good health, and had no thought of dying from old age and so far as I know that mule is living to this good day."

Mr. Myers said he wanted to be accurate and for that reason he would not say the year the Betsy Watford sale was had over in Bertie, but it was not long after 1850.

Then Mr. Myers added: "But gentlemen, I have never known but one gray mule to die in all my life, and he belonged to Lloyd Mitchell and was killed by a train. Some gentlemen in the group looked away off in the west and asked in a general way when rain might be expected. Another spoke about the cool nights we were having for June, but no man ventured to admit that he knew anything about the life of a gray mule or any other mule whether he be black or brown.—Contributed.

## A Movement to Improve Negro Rural Schools.

(Reported by C. S. Brown, Winton.)

In response to a call sent out by Dr. A. M. Moore, of Durham, quite a number of the leading business men of the negro race met with the state teachers' association, colored, convened at the Slater State Normal School, Winston-Salem, June 16th, and organized for the purpose of improving the negro rural schools of the state.

Dr. A. M. Moore, in a strong and earnest address, outlined the object of the meeting, as follows: to lengthen the school terms, erect better school buildings, secure better teachers, provide better salaries, and to arouse deeper interest in the uplift of the youth of the race and to do this in perfect co-operation with the school authorities of the state. Prof. Newbold and Prof. Samms, representatives of the state department of education, being present, made addresses heartily commending the movement, and predicted that great good would doubtless result from the effort.

The plan contemplates the employment of a state agent whose business will be to travel throughout the state, ascertain the actual conditions existing in the rural districts, organize in each county and school district improvement leagues, and to urge in every legitimate way the interests of the public schools.

J. B. Dudley of Greensboro, Dr. A. M. Moore and John Merritt, of Durham, Col. James H. Young and Prof. C. H. Hoyer, of Raleigh, Berry O'Kelly, of Method, and C. S. Brown, of Winton, were made a committee of control to supervise this work. Prof. Newbold and Prof. Samms, of Raleigh, and Prof. Coon, of Wilson, were chosen honorary members of the supervising committee in order to secure the cordial support and encouragement of the white people of the state.

Fully six hundred dollars were secured to aid in starting the work, and the committee will endeavor to secure one hundred colored men who will guarantee the money to meet the necessary expenses of the movement. The funds however to push the undertaking will be obtained by solicitation from friends.

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## He's For Winston.

C. W. Mitchell Says Bertie has Suitable Men For Governor.

(News and Observer.)

To the Editor:—I do not know that I am called on to say that I shall not be a candidate before our Democratic voters for nomination for Governor, but I follow the custom of others, of my friends, who have made similar announcement. Several of my newspaper friends have named me in connection with that position and many friends have urged my candidacy. I greatly appreciate their kindness and thank them one and all. I write to say, however, that I shall not be a candidate for that nomination, and possible that is all I need to say. The reports of the decision of our United States Supreme Court in the Oklahoma amendment case may bring on a serious situation and put our amendment to the test. If our amendment gets before the court we will need a wise man for Governor to handle the situation. We will need a man who took part in drawing the original amendment, participated in the caucuses and conferences about it, assisted in putting it in final shape, took active part in its passage, and therefore knows every situation about it. We have in Bertie county a wise leader who fills the above requirements in the person of Judge Francis D. Winston. All North Carolina knows his connection with our amendment and would therefore feel safe if he guided the forces in its favor. His large State and national acquaintance, judicial, political, business and social, would bring most powerful factors to our aid. Often the current events point clearly to the man the Democratic party ought to name for Governor and I believe events now say name Winston for Governor.

I thank you for the space in your valuable paper for this announcement.

C. W. MITCHELL.

Aulander, N. C.

## New Use for Mercury.

A scientific investigator of Europe has discovered a method of destroying fungus disease and household pests by the use of mercury. In enclosed spaces the mercury is employed in the form of vapor. In other cases it is injected in metallic form directly into the circulating fluids of the plant. The growth of the plant is not only not disturbed, but is in most cases actually assisted.

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## PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUMMER SCHOOL

Murfreesboro, North Carolina, July 5-30th., 1915.

A summer school for the teachers of Bertie, Hertford and Northampton counties, will be held in the CHOWAN COLLEGE buildings at Murfreesboro, beginning July 5th., and continuing four weeks.

This summer school has been planned in lieu of a county teachers' institute, for these three counties. Attendance at this school or some similar summer school or institute, will be compulsory to the teachers of Bertie, Northampton and Hertford counties.

There will be no tuition charges nor fees. The only expense for the entire term of four weeks will be board, which has been fixed at the following low rates:

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For three weeks..... 12.00

Teachers will be expected to take sheets, pillow cases, towels and table napkins with them.

Instruction will be given in the common school branches, domestic science and methods of teaching. Four excellent instructors will be employed for the term.

Fuller announcement of courses of study and other details will be made within a few days.

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