

FARM SCHOOL IS BOOSTED IN CITY

Mass Meeting at Court House Well Attended

STRONG SPEECHES MADE

Every Phase of the Subject Discussed by Prominent Citizens—Country People Should Enthusiastically Support Proposition—Letter Read From Mr. Victor S. Bryant.

The meeting in the interest of the farm life school at the court house Friday evening was well attended, and the enthusiasm manifested was very gratifying to those who are devoting their energies to securing a favorable vote on the question of the establishment of the school.

Captain E. J. Parrish presided at the meeting in the absence of General Julian S. Carr, who was out of town.

The first speaker was Postmaster J. A. Giles. Mr. Giles took the position that the only possible objection that could be registered against the school was the amount of taxation, and that this was too small to mention.

"Many of you have blushed with shame as you came into Durham on the train and heard, time after time, strangers remark that Durham county was the poorest farming county in the state. It is to remedy these conditions that we are going to establish the farm life school.

"Formerly, many people opposed voting taxes for good roads. What would Durham city and county be today if it were not for the good roads leading out into the county in every direction. There is only one reason why we should not establish the farm life school. It can possibly do no evil in the county. No one questions the fact that it would be beneficial. The only question then is, can we afford it?"

Mr. Giles pointed out that the ordinary citizen would be taxed only a few cents a year for the school.

Judge Sykes.

Judge R. H. Sykes was the next speaker.

Judge Sykes took the ground that the establishment of the school was of as much importance to the city people as to the country people. He explained in detail the law establishing the school, and gave some strong argument why the vote of the city people should be favorable.

Judge Green.

Judge C. B. Green was in the audience and he was called upon for a speech.

"From the time the morning stars first sang together for joy," said Judge Green, "the farmers have been accusing me politicians of coming to them for things that will not benefit them any. Now we are coming to the farmers with something that is for their benefit, solely and directly for their benefit."

Judge Green declared that the city people would derive much benefit from the school also.

"It seems to me that instead of our being out here urging the people to vote for this school, we ought to be around here somewhere holding them back from rushing to the polling places and swamping everything with votes."

Judge Green declared that the farm life school would be of more benefit to the county than four or five factories.

Professor Carmichael.

Prof. W. D. Carmichael made a strong and eloquent plea for the establishment of the school.

"As a man who has given his life to the study of education and who has spent the greater part of that life in Durham, I declare to you that there is no educational measure that will make itself felt in practical results and be a power throughout the county more quickly than the farm life school. There is no state in the union that is better prepared to live at home than is North Carolina. Yet every year North Carolina sends out of the state for farm products to the amount of \$30,000,000. The farm life school will do more than anything else to keep this \$30,000,000 at home."

Mr. H. A. Foughee added his endorsement to the school and urged upon those present the necessity for registration.

Colonel Bennahan Cameron spoke in favor of the school in his usual forceful manner.

Mr. Victor S. Bryant.

Mr. Victor S. Bryant was on the program as a speaker, but was prevented from attending the meeting. He addressed a letter to Superintendent Massey strongly adding his endorsement to the school and summing up in a very impressive manner the arguments in favor of the school. His letter follows:

August 18, 1911.

Mr. C. W. Massey,

Superintendent Public Instruction, Durham, N. C.

Dear Mr. Massey:

I regret that circumstances will not permit me to attend the meeting tonight at the court house in behalf of the farm life school.

I am in sympathy with those who are making an effort to establish one of these schools in Durham county, because:

1. Such a school is needed in many sections of North Carolina. The nat-

ural fertility of the soil of this state has enabled us to have as a rule good crops without any special study or preparation. As the forests are cut away and the lands cultivated, there is a natural tendency of the land and soil to depreciate in the absence of scientific farming. Our people are now suffering from this tendency in many sections of the state. As long as the "new grounds" could be opened from year to year, the old fields could be permitted to waste, but the growth of our population renders it necessary at this time to study our soils and conserve their natural fertility. A farm life school will prepare the farmers of the future to deal with these questions just as our professional schools are now training physicians, dentists, pharmacists and lawyers to deal with the problems incident to their professions. The farmer has been neglected long enough and we should avail ourselves of this opportunity to render him a service.

2. There is special reason why the residents of the City of Durham should feel an interest in this. Most of our people are fresh from the farms and have a sentimental reason for promoting improvement and progress there. But the people of the City of Durham are directly interested in a material way in this question. The success of the different manufacturing enterprises has brought together a large population within this city. These people must be fed. We ought not to look to Florida and other states to the south and north of us for food supplies. Durham is interested in having fresh vegetables grown as near the city as possible, and our interest in this question is quite as great as that of the farmers who are growing these products for the market. Many of our people are engaged in mercantile pursuits and it is to the interest of these to have a strong back country. The more numerous the country population, the more trade may be expected by Durham merchants. As the country population prospers our merchants may expect their trade to prosper. During the last decade this city showed a larger percentage of increase in population than any other city in the state. It is not an exaggeration to say this growth was due to the growth of manufacturing enterprises here. Some other cities in the state grew at a high rate without any great increase in manufacturing enterprises. Their growth was due to the strength and growth of the country surrounding those cities. Much of their growth was due to good coming from experienced farmers and scientific methods of farming. While many of the farmers in Durham county have done well, we must all recognize that the attention of the people of this county has not been centered upon agricultural enterprises. That field now furnishes the finest opportunities for progress and growth. The more strength, wealth and prosperity we can give our country people, the more we can help ourselves. Therefore, in my opinion any citizen of this city who feels that he has no interest in the farm-life school makes a serious mistake. Perhaps the most just criticism that can be directed to our country now is that it is top heavy with town. Recently we, by legislation, added a township from a neighboring county. If we could quadruple our country population, the effect upon us all would be wholesome and good. The farm-life school should and would improve our farms. What makes for the good of the farm makes for the good of all.

Respectfully yours,

VICTOR S. BRYANT.

SUCCESSFUL INSTITUTES

THIS WEEK ENDS SUMMER WORK AMONG TEACHERS

Raleigh, Aug. 18.—The work of holding county teachers' institutes in various counties of the state, under the direction of Professor J. A. Bivins, who is supervisor of teacher training division of the state department of education, is being rounded up for the summer this week, and Mr. Bivins and his associates declare that the success attained has been very great. There have been thirty of them and four of the last scheduled closed this week at Yanceyville, Wentworth, Shelby and Winston-Salem. Some of these institutes have had as high as 240 teachers in attendance, the enthusiasm has been great and for the first time large numbers of the teachers in the city schools have attended.

Air Serpent Discovered

Frank Goodale, who flies his own airship nightly over Painesville Park, may go down in history as the discoverer of the air serpent. He came down last night with his hair on end and scared speechless.

When he recovered he said that at a height of 2,000 feet he was attacked by a long green thing that had two great wings and seemed to come out of a cloud. He was saved by the search light that was trained on him, for the creature seemed to fear the light and retreated at once to his lair, wherever that was.—N. Y. American.

Tortured for Fifteen Years.

by a cure-defying stomach trouble that baffled doctors, and resisted all remedies he tried, John W. Modders, of Moddersville, Mich., seemed doomed. He had to sell his farm and give up work. His neighbors said, "He can't live much longer."

"Whatever I ate distressed me," he wrote, "till I tried electric bitters, which worked such wonders for me that I now eat things I could not take for years. It's surely a grand remedy for stomach trouble." Just as good for the liver and kidneys. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c at R. Blackhall & Son.

CAMPAIGN FOR NEW MEMBERS

Farmers' Union to Begin This Work Monday

BY THE STATE ORGANIZER

Many Meetings Will Be Held in Durham County by Mr. Swanson in the Interest of Increasing the Membership of the Farmers' Union—Dates and Places.

Beginning Monday, August 28th, a vigorous campaign for increasing the membership of the farmers' union in Durham county will be begun. Mr. W. T. Swanson, state organizer, will be in the county and a thorough canvass will be made. A schedule of dates and places of speaking covering two weeks has been arranged.

The following letter in regard to the campaign has been addressed to the farmers of the county by S. H. O'Brian, the president of the Durham county union:

The Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America was established to secure equity and justice and to apply the golden rule for the farmers of America; to assist them in selling and buying; to eliminate gambling in farm products by boards of trade, cotton exchanges and speculators; to strive for harmony and good will among all mankind and brotherly love among ourselves.

When we as farmers help ourselves, we help everybody else. So, seeing that other vocations of life are succeeding by being organized, we say to the farmers, go thou and do likewise. So all people of the county over sixteen years of age, both men and women, are invited to come and hear Mr. W. T. Swanson, state organizer of the union, at the following places on the dates named:

Barbee's, August 28, at 2 p. m.

Patrick Henry, August 28, at 8 p. m.

Powder's, August 29, at 2 p. m.

New Hope, August 29, at 8 p. m.

White Cross Roads, August 30, at 2 p. m.

Reservoir, August 30, at 8 p. m.

Chambiee, August 31, at 2 p. m.

South Lebanon, August 31, at 8 p. m.

Hall's, September 1, at 2 p. m.

South Lowell, September 1, at 8 p. m.

Rougmont, September 2, at 2 p. m.

Mangum, September 2, at 8 p. m.

Bahama, September 4, at 2 p. m.

Tilley's, September 4, at 8 p. m.

Elm Grove, September 5, at 2 p. m.

Hebron, September 5, at 8 p. m.

Geers, September 6, at 2 p. m.

Glenna, September 6, at 8 p. m.

Redwood, September 7, at 2 p. m.

Mineral Springs, September 7, at 8 p. m.

Bethesda, September 8, at 2 p. m.

S. H. O'BRIAN.

Pres. F. E. and C. U. of A. in Durham County.

Brindley Goes Up 11,726 Feet, at Chicago Aviation Meet

Chicago, August 19.—Oscar A. Brindley scored higher from the ground yesterday than any other pilot in the world. He flew his biplane to a height of 11,726 feet. Philip O. Parmelee followed him in the air, passing the former American record and reaching 10,337 feet before he was forced to descend.

The world's record at present is 10,761 feet, made by M. Lorian, at Mourmelon, France, July 8, 1911. Captain Freeland reached a height of 11,152 feet at Etampes, France, August 1910, but his flight has not as yet been made official. Ralph Johnson set the American mark at Belmont park, N. Y., Oct. 18, 1910, at 10,476.

While Brindley, Howard Gill, Beachey, and Parmelee were high among the clouds, finding safety in the altitude flights, James Ward and Earl E. Ovington, flying at comparatively low levels, had narrow escapes from death. The propeller of Ward's machine broke into a hundred pieces as he flew before the grandstand, pieces of wood penetrated and tore the canvas planes, but the aviator held tight and brought his machine wobbling to the ground. Ovington, with his engine stopped, unable quite to reach shore, found a landing place in five feet of water, from which he escaped with no more injury than a ducking.

The altitude events, though uncheduled, proved the most important of the day. A wind that blew at twenty miles 100 feet above the earth was rising higher up, and Brindley, Gill and Beachey started at once for altitude. Beachey was the first to descend, driven down by the wind. He came down shivering, hardly able to move his hands from the steering wheel. His barograph, showed 8,500 feet.

Brindley was the next to descend, after having passed completely out of sight of all but the strongest glasses. His barograph had swung around to a figure never before needed in American aviation meets, showing 11,726 feet.

Gill descended soon after, with a mark of 8,700 feet. All declared they could have made even better marks but for the extreme cold.

The Testimony in Habeas Corpus Proceedings All in

Raleigh, Aug. 19.—It required less than an hour this morning for the testimony to be concluded in the noted Fleming case, involving the custody of two children of Mr. and Mrs. Percy B. Fleming. Thereafter counsel for Fleming suggested that the case go to the judge without argument, but Mrs. Fleming's attorneys desired argument.

The first argument was by F. S. Sprull, for Fleming. He insisted that the children remain with Dr. A. H. Fleming, of Louisburg, since his client admitted unfitness, and claimed that the unfitness of Mrs. Fleming, petitioner, was proven. Other arguments were by H. E. Norris and Colonel J. W. Hinsdale for Mrs. Fleming. They insisted that Dr. Fleming was unfit to have the children and that the charges against Mrs. Fleming were not proven. W. C. Douglass closed argument for Mr. Fleming.

Before the arguments W. B. Holder and J. H. McGinnis were examined as to having seen Mrs. Fleming and M. W. Tyree at the entrance to Tyree's studio one night, but they could not swear that Mrs. Tyree did not go into the book store instead of the studio, the entrances being mutual.

Dr. A. H. Fleming, of Louisburg, was recalled to answer the testimony of Mrs. Percy Fleming that he attempted to embrace her once when her husband was away, he having remarked before doing so he would probably be plugged with a bullet some time and probably she would also. Following his denial of this he testified that Tyree took him aside once in his studio and confided to him that he knew personally that Mrs. Fleming was a crooked woman, but he must never quote him, else he would swear he didn't say it.

The ruling of Judge Clark is now pending.

Mrs. Fleming's Testimony.

Raleigh, Aug. 19.—In the sensational case of Mrs. Percy B. Fleming against her husband for the possession of their two children, special interest centered in the unshaken testimony of Mrs. Fleming in her own behalf and that of M. W. Tyree, whom Mr. Fleming has seen fit to bring into the case as an intimate of his wife. Mr. Tyree is a distinguished photographer, being secretary of the National Photographer's Association.

Mrs. Fleming reviewed her trials with her husband due to his excessive drinking and jealousy. At intervals she was all but overcome. She had striven in every way to avoid exciting her husband's jealous disposition in her association with his friends. He had introduced her to Tyree a month after their marriage as his best friend. This was in Tyree's studio. Then they met at social gatherings and he and Bartlett were frequently invited to their home by Mr. Fleming.

She recounted instances heretofore in evidence when her husband was drinking and Tyree and Wise tried to aid Fleming and her. Also of the times when Tyree was at their house intoxicated. She reviewed her relations with John Winder, Jr., denying undue intimacy and telling of having asked Winder to not join her alone anywhere on account of her husband's jealousies. The testified that the servants introduced in this trial were abjectly under the domination of her husband. Dawkins, who was swearing to having driven her to Tyree's studio at night and to join Winder in the suburbs, had told her he was afraid of Fleming.

She wept most when she told of the abduction of the children and efforts to prevent their being sent by her husband to Louisburg. She testified that her husband's brother, Dr. A. H. Fleming, made advances. Told her she was good looking, said he thought he would some day meet his end with a bullet plugged through him and it was very likely she would meet the same fate and be tried to embrace her. "She testified of her love for her children. Her husband displayed jealousy when he thought something may have passed between her and Dr. Fleming.

M. W. Tyree, who set out that he has lived in Raleigh six years and has a wife and three children, the eldest 14, reviewed his association with Fleming. Attended Fleming's stag supper before he went to Washington to get married and the gradual development of intimacy and very close friendship between him and Mrs. Fleming. Explained that he had been addicted to occasional drinking since he was 20 years old. Reviewed details of times when he and Fleming and Wise had drunk together and struggles he had with Fleming. Insisted that his associations were never beyond those of a close friend, Fleming, when drinking, would raise issues as to relations of his friends with his wife. In the cases of himself and others Fleming would when sobered apologize. Finally he determined to not visit the Fleming home again because of the conditions. Fleming after that invited him and came to his house, discovered a house across the street from his, rented it and lived there for a year, but he did not visit them. He talked with both about their relations. He was talking with Mrs. Fleming about the conduct of her husband on Fayetteville street on the night that Fleming went up to his studio and the proof is that she passed into Williams book store for stationary and then took car for home. His testimony and cross-examination continued last night with a view to closing the case today.

Falls Victim to Thieves.

S. W. Bends, of Coal City, Ala., has a justifiable grievance. Two thieves stole his health for twelve years. They were a liver and kidney trouble. Then Dr. King's New Life Pills throttled them. He's now well. Unrivaled for constipation, malaria, headache, dyspepsia, 25c. at R. Blackhall & Son.

Upper House Passes Resolution in Accordance With Veto

Washington, Aug. 19.—Statehood for New Mexico and Arizona upon a basis acceptable to President Taft was approved by the senate yesterday through the passage of the Flood-Smith resolution, presented by Senator Smith, chairman of the committee on territories. The resolution passed by a vote of 53 to 8, after a debate in which the house was charged with evading a vote on the president's statehood veto, and in which the president was charged with trying to coerce the people of Arizona upon the proposed recall of judges.

The new resolution favored by the president requires that Arizona shall eliminate from its new constitution the recall of judges provision before it shall be admitted to the union. New Mexico is instructed to vote again on a change in its constitution designed to make that act more easily amendable in the future, but it is not made a condition of New Mexico's statehood that the people approve the change suggested by congress.

During part of the debate four cabinet officers—Attorney General Wickesham, Postmaster General Hitchcock and Secretaries, Stimson and Nagel were in the senate chamber. Mr. Hitchcock listened while Senator Reed of Missouri (democrat), criticized the president for trying to force Arizona to give up its recall of judges and read a telegram arraigning Mr. Hitchcock for his political activity in Arizona.

The telegram read:

"Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 12, 1911.

"To E. B. O'Neill, Washington, D. C.

"It is a well known fact that Hitchcock during the campaign for the election of delegates to our constitutional convention traveled over Arizona with different federal officials holding quiet little receptions at which plans were made for the defeat of the candidates who stood pledged for a progressive constitution. Taft's name was freely used and insinuations made concerning projected federal buildings. His friends told the Arizona Gazette to be good or republican patronage would cease. The Gazette refused to be coerced and patronage did cease. Practically every postmaster in Arizona immediately became active in fighting the progressive candidates. It is well known that his visit influenced papers in Tucson, Yuma, Globe and Prescott.

"C. H. AKERS, Acting Chairman.

"J. L. IRWIN, Secretary.

All But Two Democrats for It.

"The objection is not to the recall of judges," declared Senator Reed. "The president through his satellites and officeholders was unable to dictate the action of the people of Arizona, and we find him now using his power to prevent the people of that state from being admitted to the union."

Despite many objections to the resolution, all democrats voted for it except Senators Bailey, of Texas, and Pomeroy, of Ohio. The republicans who voted against it were: Bourne, of Oregon; Brandegee, of Connecticut; Bristow, of Kansas; Clapp, of Minnesota; Cummins, of Iowa, and Heyburn of Idaho.

It was apparent that the vetoed statehood resolution could not have been passed by a two-thirds vote in either house.

Assaults W. J. Martin on Account of Political Story

Raleigh, Aug. 18.—Republican National Committeeman E. C. Duncan and his political friends here assert that the political talk which was reflected in a political newspaper story from Raleigh Monday to the effect that Mr. Duncan, as national committeeman, had used the power due to his office in such way as to elicit contributions from federal office holders in the state that were not for the necessary party maintenance, but rather in the interest of personal friendship, does him an injustice; that he has done no such thing and that these reports are being circulated to injure his standing in the party and have no foundation in fact. The newspaper report merely reflected the status of the contest, that is on among republicans for state control from the viewpoint that the Chairman Morehead forces were planning to overthrow Duncan as national committeeman on these and other issues, and that National Committeeman Duncan and his forces were preparing for a fight to both retain Mr. Duncan as national committeeman and regain the state chairmanship for a Duncan man, possibly Wheeler Martin.

Mr. Duncan met W. J. Martin, the Raleigh newspaper man who handled the story, yesterday on Fayetteville street and demanded a retraction of the story. Mr. Martin told him the matter was common political talk here and that he would look into the matter; that he desired to be fair in his news service. Mr. Duncan became angered at Mr. Martin's attitude in not saying at once that there would be a retraction of the news report and struck him. There were several passes between the two, neither being injured, however, before parties ran between them.

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