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DAILY FLAG EXERCISE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Teach Loyalty, Patriotism and Obedience to Constituted Authority to Children Urges Asheville Organization.

Asheville, Feb. 16.—With a view of teaching respect and loyalty to the flag and nation, and obedience to constituted authority, the Asheville Board of Trade has asked Governor Bickett to urge the placing of a United States flag on the wall of every school house in North Carolina, and that a minute's time of every child's daily opening exercise in future be devoted to a "flag exercise" with the school standing at salute and repeating the following or such other reference to the flag as may be prepared by State Superintendent of Education J. Y. Joyner, or others to be designated by the Governor, to be used for this purpose: "I salute my flag, your flag, our flag, guarantor of Liberty, Justice, Education, Opportunity, Safety for Individual, Home, State and Nation. I pledge my allegiance to my flag and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

There has been no definite, systematic effort on the part of our authorities to teach loyalty, patriotism and love of the flag to the youth of our country. The Asheville organization believes that had such an exercise as the one suggested, or some similar plan, been used in the public schools of the country during the past half or quarter century, there would now be a different attitude on the part of many of our people toward constituted authority and our institutions of freedom, and a quickened sense of responsibility to protect them against the danger that threatens.

W. H. Hipps, the superintendent of education of Buncombe county, says it is a brilliant idea and is making arrangements to put it into effect in the schools of the county.

HEATLESS MONDAY ORDER SUSPENDED

Suspension of the heatless Monday program has been announced by Fuel Administrator Garfield with the reservation that it may be put back into force before the ten-week period expires if a return of bad weather brings another breakdown in railroad transportation.

The Republican national committee at St. Louis Tuesday adopted a resolution endorsing the vote of Republican Congressmen for the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment.

SADDLETREE TOPICS.

Cars Will Get Stuck in the Mud—About Keeping Roads in Repair—Bees Killed By Cold—Farmers and Bird Laws—Red Cross Auxiliary Organized—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Saddletree (Lumberton, R. 2) Feb. 14.—Miss Claudia Husey of Dillon, S. C., visited in this community the first of this week. She holds a position with the Bell Telephone company at the Lumberton office.

Messrs Arch McDuffie and Walter Williford spent some time at Raeford this week on business.

Messrs. J. T. and Dennis Biggs and Mrs. Dennis Biggs visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Biggs the first of this week.

Quite a number of cars get "stuck" in the mud these days. Some pull out, some are pulled out, and some have to get horses to get the occupants to their homes.

Mr. Frank Smith has contracted with the road board to drag and keep in repair the road from the Lewis place to Rennert. We hope this means that this road will be kept in good repair. If the holes and ruts in the roads were kept filled and roads kept level during the spring and summer they would become solid for the winter.

We have never seen as many dead bees around the hives before as there has been this winter, due, we suppose, to the extreme cold.

We agree with the correspondent in last week's Robesonian in regard to larks destroying small grain. Our law-makers should be very careful about infringing on the rights of the farmers in regard to the bird law any way. A man buys land, pays taxes, raises grain to raise birds, and then his own children cannot catch a bird, but he must feed a dog, buy shells, and become a bird hunter before he can get any benefit from that which belongs to him.

Rev. Mr. Murray and Miss Effie Smith from St. Pauls organized a branch of the Red Cross here last Friday night with 24 members. Others will join. Mr. Murray made an excellent speech on the war and the need of the Red Cross.

Mrs. Dennis Baxley of Buie is spending a few days visiting relatives in the community. She will return home Sunday.

Mr. M. N. Folger, principal of the Saddletree graded school, has had a very serious problem getting to his school during the bad weather. He lives in Lumberton and drives out in his car.

Mr. Charlie Baxley and daughter, Miss Linnie of Buie were in the community Sunday.

Miss Wellington of Rennert spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in this community.

LETTER FROM AUNT SOPHIA.

The Governor's Great Speech—News Notes and Comment.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. 6, Feb. 11—It is with pleasure we say good-bye to winter and bid spring welcome with its birds and flowers. The yellow jessamine is the first to appear this time and the lilac bloom will follow next. The chickens have eaten up our violets and rose bushes looked so dead till we cut them off. Pruning is good for them any way.

We were indeed glad of the privilege to hear Governor Bickett speak the first speech we had ever heard by a ruler of our country. The court house was packed full and a table at the door with ladies on it and it looked like we had to stand outside without getting a glimpse at the Governor or hearing what he said, either. But those kind ladies moved the table and invited us in where we could stand in front and listen to his noble speech that made our hearts burn with patriotism till it seemed like we could kiss every one of our sons good-bye and bid them Godspeed to go in defense of our country, if they were all old enough to serve the country well.

Before hearing his splendid speech I thought it would almost break my heart to have to part with one son. It always would bring tears to my eyes to sing "Just Before the Battle, Mother, I am Thinking Most of You." Every mother that has to part with her boy ought to have heard the grand speech by Governor Bickett. The story of David and Jonathan was always interesting, but it seemed like he added new beauty to it, and we were glad to know that he had the word of God had away in his heart. Also was glad to give him a hearty handshake.

The community was shocked by the sad, sudden, untimely death of Mrs. Frank Parnell. But she was expecting the summons for she said in our Sunday school class about a year ago "I don't think I'll live long. Why, I never expect to see my birthday come again." Her father-in-law, Mr. Charlie Parnell is suffering with cancer, too, which adds to their sorrow. We were sorry that rain prevented us from attending church Saturday and the funeral service, too; also it rained on Sunday. I don't suppose there was any church services at Raft Swamp.

Yesterday was a beautiful day and we enjoyed Rev. Mr. Miller's fine sermon at Back Swamp from the subject of "The Chastening hand of the Lord," which he prepared on account of the distress and trouble caused by the black war clouds that hang over us. Everybody ought to have heard it. He gave us new thoughts, beautiful indeed, "of the school of discipline preparing us for great things of eternity."

It is indelable upon our minds to cheer and bless us as long as we stay in this school. Like one sermon preached by Rev. Livingston Johnson in the same pulpit when he was pastor there 15 or 20 years ago, from the text, "He that goeth forth With Weeping Bearing Precious Seeds, Shall Doubtless Come Again Rejoicing, bringing his Sheaves With him." Am glad I heard that excellent sermon to meditate on.

We decided to attend the Sunbeam rally at West Lumberton yesterday afternoon but we met a car before we were a mile away with our son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McIntyre, and nephew and niece Mr. and Mrs. Ed. L. McNeill, coming to see us, so we halted awhile between two opinions—come back or go on—but after all promised to come again another day we went on where a treat was in store for all present. The children had been well trained by their efficient leaders, Mrs. J. Bennett Mrs. J. P. McNeill and Miss Lillie Nance. It was just inspiring to hear the children sing and recite so beautifully. Child training is one of the greatest things that can be done and their leaders are to be congratulated for getting up such a nice program and training them so nicely, and they will receive a great reward by and bye when they hear "good and faithful one, well done."

Am sorry to know of so much tobacco being planted this time to feed worms on instead of corn to feed our own dear children, sailor and soldier boys. They are trying to raise plants and are building new barns and will neglect cultivating foodstuffs if they do plant them, like the Columbus correspondent said they would do. Oh! how they will suffer for bread if they don't heed Robesonian advice and cultivate food stuffs. Shortage of sugar is nothing compared with a shortage of bread. Why do we hear of meatless days and wheatless days and no tobaccoless days? If the money that was paid for tobacco to make so much amber all over the streets of town the day that Governor Bickett spoke there had been spent for Thrift and War-Savings stamps it would have purchased quite a lot, wouldn't it? I certainly do endorse all "R. F. D." said in regard to foodstuffs and tobacco. It is bringing a curse over our land and country, which we all must suffer for, if something isn't

done to prevent it. It ought to have been fought like mad-dogs and rattle snakes one hundred years ago. A rabid dog passed near here Saturday and bit other dogs that have not been killed. We sympathized with Mrs. Luther Sanderson Powell last week when she came to her father-in-law, Mr. W. R. Powell, from Norfolk, Va., with three small children. Her husband had just died with spinal meningitis. We have 3 1-2 or 4 acres in wheat and several acres of rye and oats and 550 cabbage plants out, cabbage, sweet English peas, and beets planted and lots of onions out.

AUNT SOPHIA.

Maxton Reserves Preparing to Drill—Other Maxton News.

Maxton Dispatch. The Maxton division of Robeson reserve militia, composed of members from Rowland, Red Springs and Maxton, are preparing to drill, with Lieutenant W. O. Bennett, of Maxton, commanding.

Whether they will don the regular uniform or Scotch kilts is undetermined, but it goes without saying that Lieutenant Bennett and his command in kilts and with a bagpipe would prove a terror to the invader of Robeson.

Rev. H. H. Honeycutt of Powellsville, who was recently tendered a call to become its pastor by the First Baptist church here, has accepted and entered upon his work. He will reside in the Norman Stewart residence on South Patterson street.

The Maxton Red Cross chapter shipped during the months of December and January, about one hundred sweaters and the same number of pajamas, and are still keeping a large force busy in the Bank of Maxton building. The ladies are thoroughly organized with sewing, surgical and other departments.

IMPORTANT. In ordering the address of your paper changed don't forget to give the old address as well as the new. This will save trouble in the office and cause your paper to be changed much earlier.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY THRIFT DAY

Over 600,000 School Children Will Learn Lesson of Thrift—War-Savings Stamps Will Be Sold—Societies Organized.

Washington's birthday, February 22, will be celebrated this year in the schools of North Carolina as War-Savings Day. The usual program of patriotic songs and speeches will be turned into a program of concrete patriotic service and definite action. At every school on that day will be a representative of the State War-Savings committee not only to explain the War-Savings plan, but to sell Thrift Stamps and War-Savings certificates.

Another feature of the program will be organizing War-Savings societies both in the schools and in the school communities. Superintendent J. Y. Joyner announces that Thrift Day in the schools is only one of a series of "Make, Save, Serve," Days that will be observed once a month for the remainder of the term. The public school army enrolled is 649,246 children commanded by 14,550 teachers. To teach this number of North Carolinians the lesson of Thrift and Economy, Dr. Joyner believes, will be a long step toward saving the State and providing for future prosperity. To this work he has called all superintendents, principals and teachers in the name of their country and for the life of freedom. His request to his co-workers is:

"Superintendents, principals and teachers, in the name of your country, I call upon you, one and all, to respond to her call in this hour of need, and to marshal and to lead your forces in a vigorous campaign for the purpose and sale of War-Savings Stamps and Certificates. Follow it up unremittably until North Carolina's quota of fifty million dollars has been sold. In a time like this, every school should be a patriotic association, ready to respond to every call of the Government for such service as it can render. If we lose this war, Government of the people, by the people and for the people will perish from the earth. If Democracy dies, who lives! If Democracy lives, who dies!"

About Constipation. Certain articles of diet tend to check movements of the bowels. The most common of these are cheese, tea and boiled milk. On the other hand raw fruits, especially apples and bananas, also Graham bread and whole wheat bread promote a movement of the bowels. When the bowels are badly constipated, however, the sure way is to take one or two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper.

The Human Factors In Good Service

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HANK AND PETE

THE WOMAN WASN'T TAKING ANY CHANCES

By KEN KONG

HANK: YOU'D BETTER HURRY UP AND PACK YOUR TRUNK, CAUSE IF WE AINT OUT OF HERE BY TEN O'CLOCK WE'LL HAVE TO STAY ANOTHER MONTH!!

PETE: WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA HANK, ARE WE GONNA MOVE?

WOMAN: YES, THE DOCTOR SAYS THAT THE AIR IN THESE ROOMS IS BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH, SO WE GOTTA CHANGE OUR BOARDING-HOUSE!!

HANK: IT'LL ONLY TAKE ME FIVE MINUTES TO PACK UP MY SUIT AN' HAT!

PETE: MY LITTLE FRIEND AND I ARE CHANGING BOARDING HOUSES AND WE'D LIKE TO RENT A NICE LARGE AIRY ROOM HERE IF YOU HAD ONE EMPTY!! WE ARE BOTH POLICEMEN!

WOMAN: YES WE HAVE PLENTY TO SPARE, BUT BEING THAT THIS IS A FIRST CLASS PLACE—YOU CAN'T GET A ROOM HERE WITHOUT A REFERENCE!!

HANK: HUH, REFERENCE?? WHY HISSUS DO YOU KNOW WHEN WE WENT AWAY FROM OUR OLD BOARDIN' HOUSE THIS MORNIN'—THE LADY CRIED FOR HALF AN HOUR!!

WOMAN: WELL, BELIEVE ME, I WONT—I YOU'LL PAY YOUR BOARD IN ADVANCE!!!