

THE WEATHER
Fair tonight and Friday, No
change in the temperature.

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THE NORTH CAROLINA GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Is Advertised to Be Held at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, June 13th and 14th, 1911

PROGRESSIVE LEGISLATION

The North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey Issues a Good Roads Circular—There are Now Thirty-Five County Associations in the State.

The past year's work of the North Carolina Good Roads Association has been very successful and in the large amount of literature distributed by the state association in co-operation with the geological survey. A circular relating to road drags has brought to the attention of a great many people the real value of this implement and educated them to the use of it. Circulars relating to certain suggested legislation for the creation of a state highway department, engineering assistance, use of convicts in public road construction, and state security for county road bonds were printed and widely distributed. The singular indifference, however, shown by the General Assembly of 1911 to all matters of state-wide importance is a matter of much regret, particularly with regard to road legislation, as more progressive legislation along this line has been markedly indicated by the press as expressing the opinion of the people of the state and by the large number of requests that are constantly being received by the state geologist for engineering assistance and advice with regard to the location, construction and maintenance of roads.

The North Carolina Good Roads Association has done everything in its power to show the people the necessity for good roads and the remedy for bad roads. It is now the task of this association to continue this work among the weaker counties in the hopes of gradually bringing them to the point of not only desiring good roads, but of being willing to pay for them. In this work the stronger counties, stronger because of their progress in well contoured roads, not only serve as examples of what can be done, but in many instances these counties have shown a disposition to lend a helping hand to pull their weaker neighbors out of the mud.

The headquarters of the association will be at the Hotel Zinsendorf where special rates have been arranged for members, delegates and their friends. Delegates to the meetings of the North Carolina Good Roads Association include all members of the state association, county associations, county road commissioners of all the counties of the state, mayors of municipalities, and delegates at large appointed by chairmen of boards of county commissioners, mayors of towns and cities, and presidents of local clubs and business associations.

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Of the Farmers Industrial Institute

Second annual commencement exercises, May 25-June 1, 1911.

Sunday, May 28, 9 p. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon by the Rev. A. G. Davis, D. D., pastor Presbyterian church, Elizabeth City, N. C.

Monday, May 29, 3 p. m.—Annual exercises of the primary department. Play, "The Darkey Night School."

Tuesday, May 30, 8 p. m.—Annals exercises of Selden Literary Society. Address by Dr. C. R. Dinkins, Washington, N. C.

Wednesday, May 31, 8 p. m.—Industrial exhibit. Drama, "Old Maid's Association."

Thursday, June 1, 3 p. m.—Commencement Program. Addresses by Hon. William B. McKinley of Champlain, Illinois, and John H. Small of Washington.

Thursday, June 1, 8 p. m.—Play, "No Cure, No Pay."

All exercises held on school campus. Public cordially invited.

W. D. Chance, president.

To Honor Governor Wilson

Mr. L. C. Warren of the First National Bank expects to leave Monday for Chapel Hill to hear Governor Wilson's address at the University.

INCREASED ATTENDANCE

At the Services at First M. Church Last Night.

The attendance at the services of the First Methodist church last night was a decided improvement over that of the preceding night. The pastor, Rev. R. H. Broom, delivered another sermon of power and deep thought to the pleasure of his hearers. Considerable interest is manifested in the series of meetings that have been in progress for the present week. There will be services again this evening at eight o'clock and the pastor desires a large attendance. It is to be hoped larger representation of the membership will be present and assist in the services. All cordially invited.

THE ATTENDANCE

At First Baptist Church Last Night an Improvement.

The attendance at the First Baptist church last night was much larger than the preceding night. Mrs. J. E. Davenport's Sunday school class did their work well. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, preached on the text "I'm Good Enough." There were several requests for prayer.

Tonight the subject will be "I'm afraid I can't hold out." The Junior Baracas will work for attendance this evening. Tomorrow night will be Miss Mamie Dalley's class night.

THE MEETING FOR TONIGHT IS POSTPONED

The Question of Locating the School for Feeble Minded in This County

CITIZENS SHOULD ATTEND

The Mass Meeting For Tonight Has Been Postponed Until Next Tuesday Night—Now is the Opportunity for Beaufort County—We Must Be Up and Doing.

There was to have been a mass meeting of the citizens of Beaufort county and city of Washington held at the courthouse this evening for the purpose of discussing the location of the institution for Feeble Minded in this county. On account of a number of persons residing outside of the city not being heard from the committee has decided to postpone the meeting until next Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the courthouse.

This matter is one of vital importance to every citizen in this section and it behooves everyone to be present on next Tuesday evening. The location of this state institution in Beaufort county means much for our people and we should leave no stone unturned to secure it. The feeble minded are with us and we as a people must see to it that they are well cared for.

Our citizens should use every effort to get out a goodly number of the representative citizens on Tuesday night next.

If we lose this school the after results will not ever be known. This institution should come to Beaufort county. We have the advantage over every other county in East Carolina.

Remember the meeting next Tuesday evening and be present. It is a duty you owe as loyal citizens.

Mrs. Whitley Improving.

The many friends of Mrs. E. H. Whitley, on West Second street will learn with pleasure that she is much improved today.

Oh, what is so hot as a day in May?

The lumber trust seems to be the next to walk the plank.

Is Improving.

The many friends of Mrs. Daniel...

CITY POLICE AND DEPUTIES ARREST THIEF

Isiah Brown, Colored, Wanted For Store Breaking, Captured Yesterday

TAKEN BY SURPRISE

Entered the Store of Dawsey Cherry Two Months Ago, But Made His Escape at the Time—Has Been Connected With Other Crimes.

Yesterday afternoon the police of the city aided by Deputy Sheriffs Adams and Lucas, captured Isiah Brown, colored, wanted for entering the store of Dawsey Cherry at the corner of Van Norden and Third streets about two months ago.

Brown was caught in the act of entering the store by Samuel Jenkins but Brown succeeded in getting away from him and since that time has been missing.

Every effort was made at the time to ascertain his whereabouts. Several days ago the police received information leading them to believe that Brown was secreting himself on the Honey Pod farm near this city. On yesterday the police received additional information confirming their first news of his whereabouts. Having no authority to arrest a prisoner outside of the corporate limits Deputy Sheriffs Lucas and Adams were called in to assist the police in making the arrest. Police Morgan was stationed at the foot of one of the bridges. Deputy Sheriff Lucas was stationed on the Honey Pod farm and Policeman R. J. Roberts and Deputy Sheriff Adams drove around the road and came through the Honey Pod farm.

The officers state he was a surprised man when they appeared on the scene. After arrest he intimated to the officers it was well he was arrested when he was as he intended to leave for Richmond, Va., last night.

Brown is now safely lodged in jail awaiting his hearing.

DEATH AT SMALL, N. C.

Mr. M. J. Hodges of That Place Passes Away This Morning

News is received here announcing the death of Mr. M. J. Hodges of Small, N. C. The end came this morning of dropsy of the heart. For the past two years he has been unable to work and had been confined to his bed for six months prior to his demise. At the time of his death he was in his 66th year. He leaves a widow and two children to mourn their loss. He leaves several grand children. He was a most popular citizen in his community and his passing is deplored.

No Prayermeeting.

On account of the revival services now in progress at the First Baptist First Methodist and Christian churches there will be no prayer-meeting services held in these respective houses of worship this evening but there will be preaching in all three churches. There will be regular prayermeeting services in the First Presbyterian church.

Brown building at the corner of Main and Market streets. Mr. Brown, the proprietor having donated one of the rooms on the second floor gratis for a period of one year. As to the exact date of the opening will be announced later.

BANK CASHIER OF COLUMBIA A SUICIDE

Mr R. H. Spruill, of Columbia, Tyrell County, Takes His Life

BOOKS BEING EXAMINED

Was Also the County Superintendent of Public Instruction—The News of His Untimely Death Has Cast a Gloom Over the Community—Cashier of the Bank.

Columbia, N. C., May 24.—This place was shocked and saddened as the news of the suicide of R. H. Spruill, cashier of the Merchants & Farmers' Bank, became known and there is as yet no cause known for the rash act.

Yesterday afternoon the bank auditor arrived here, and with him Mr. Spruill went to the bank, reaching it shortly after four o'clock. Mr. Spruill placed the books, papers and money for examination of the auditor, and about half past four o'clock left the bank. The auditor expecting him to return.

About half past five the president of the bank, Mr. T. H. Woodley, went to the bank and found the auditor at work, but Cashier Spruill had not returned.

Later the news of his disappearance spread, and a party was organized to look for him, but after a search he could not be found. He did not appear during the night and this morning when Mr. M. G. Elliott came into town he said he had seen Mr. Spruill in the woods about half past five in the afternoon before. He gave directions as to the place, and a searching party went out. The dead body of the cashier was found, and the evidence was of suicide. A Colt's revolver, .38 calibre, was found by his side and there was a bullet wound in his right temple, the ball having come out behind his left ear.

A note was found beside the body, in it there being instructions to his wife to pay his mother \$100, and Haywood Swain \$400. There were also instructions as to where his insurance policy could be found. In his note he said that he had taken his life because of two men, stating their names. The auditor is still at work on the books and it is not known whether there is any charge in the funds of the bank.

THE LIBRARIAN SELECTED FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mrs. Andrew L. Betts is the Librarian for the Washington Public Library

TO BE CONGRATULATED

The Library Will be Located in the Brown Building at Corner of Main and Third Streets—The Date of Opening Will be Announced Later.

The board of trustees of the Washington Library Association met in the parlors of the Savings and Trust Company last Monday evening. The following members of the board were present: Mr. John B. Sparrow, president; Captain George T. Leach, Superintendent N. C. Newbold, Mr. Joseph F. Taylor, superintendent of County Schools Mr. W. L. Vaughan, Mrs. Samuel R. Powle and Mrs. Stephen C. Bragaw.

The purpose of the meeting was the election of a librarian. Mrs. Andrew L. Betts of this city was selected for this important position. The selection of the trustees is a happy one, for Mrs. Betts is fully competent in every respect. She will begin at once making the collection from the subscribers to the library. It is to be hoped that every one who has subscribed to the library will send their books to her.

MORE LETTERS ADVERTISING THE FARM LIFE SCHOOL

The Farmers of Beaufort County Are Determined to Secure One of the Ten Farm Life Schools

CITIZENS GIVE ENDORSEMENT

To Establish One of These State Institutions in Beaufort County Means Much More Than Mere Dollars and Cents—Favorable Opinions Given Below.

The farmers of Beaufort county are determined that they will be one of the ten to secure a Farm Life School.

The establishment of one of these schools will mean more than can be estimated in mere dollars and cents. Below are some of the letters:

In regard to the County Farm Life School, and I have carefully studied same and will say that I endorse the bill as a step in the right direction. You can count on my support first, last and all the time. I can assure you that I will do all in my power for this school or any other that tends to the uplift and betterment of that class of our people who are engaged in home making and farming. It seems to me that every man, unless he is prejudiced against the farmer will be in favor of such a school.

We have law schools to prepare men for the practice of law; medical schools, for doctors; commercial schools to prepare men and women for business, theological schools to prepare for the ministry, and normal schools to prepare our young women for teachers. All of these tend to educate away from the farm, now think it is high time to establish schools strictly for and in the interest of the home and farm life as farming.

Dear sir, you can use this in any way that you think best for Beaufort County Farm Life School, and depend on me always to do all in my power for more and better schools. With best wishes I am

Yours for schools,

B. D. ROWE.

Small N. C.

The County Farm Life School law and explanations thereon has been by me received and careful read, and after studying the provisions of this law and realizing the great need for such a school in our county and believing that great good would be accomplished by its establishment. Therefore, I am frank to say that I heartily approve the plan and if an election is called, I would vote for its establishment.

Yours Very truly,

J. C. SWANNER, Trustee.

Old Ford Graded School

I have read the bill carefully and will say that I highly favor the establishment of a County Farm Life School in our county and all of whom I have talked with about it, favor it, and want a chance to vote for it. I look upon this as a much needed institution and do not see how any one who is at all interested in our general welfare could oppose it.

Respectfully yours,

B. M. SMITH.

R. F. D. No. 1, Washington, N. C.

You may have this published if you wish, or any part of it.

WILL BANQUET THIS EVENING

Will Be Given Tonight By This Well Known Order.

The Benevolent Order of Elks, one of the most popular social organizations in this city, is to give a banquet tonight from 10 to 12 a. m. in its club rooms in the Baugham building. The purpose of the banquet is to have a social intercourse between the members. A most attractive program has been arranged and the evening promises to be one of the most pleasant social functions of the season. Quite a number of visiting Elks are in the city and will grace the occasion. The order of Elks is doing a great work for this section and every citizen not a member wishes them a most pleasant and profitable evening.

MAY SALE NOTICE

Begins at the J. K. Hoyt Store Friday Morning and Last Through 30th.

The great May sale of dependable merchandise at the J. K. Hoyt store begins tomorrow morning and last until May 30th. Remember the sale lasts for four days only. Strictly cash prices will prevail and it behooves all our citizens to take advantage of the low prices and bargains offered as will be seen by the large display advertisement elsewhere in this paper today. Mr. Hoyt is always giving reductions and value to his many patrons and customers and on this occasion he offers unheard of prices.

Areo Citizens III.

Mr. Claud Cherry of Lenoir, N. C., is in the city being called here for the purpose of being at the bedside of his aged father, Mr. R. C. Cherry, who is very ill at his home in Pineville.

Mr. Cherry is a prominent citizen and a member of the University of North Carolina.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS

Will be at the Virginia Baptist Summer Encampment at Virginia Beach

The Virginia Baptist Summer encampment which is to be held at Virginia Beach July 19 to July 26, promises to be an occasion of interest not only to the Baptists in Virginia, but North Carolina as well. Some of the most prominent and learned men of that denomination in the United States are expected to take part in the program.

The Norfolk Southern Railway will offer reduced rates for this occasion and no doubt a large number from this section of North Carolina will avail themselves of this propitious opportunity to not visit this popular summer resort but also to hear the distinguished speakers of the Baptist faith in the United States.

To Preach,

Rev. W. W. Lewis of Beaufort N. C., will preach at Mr. Joseph Hodges' Market and Sixth streets tonight at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Geo. N. Howard III

The many friends of Mrs. Geo. N. Howard will regret to learn that she is confined to her bed at her home, on Bonner street.

TO ATTEND COMMENCEMENT

Several Young Ladies of this City to Go to Chapel Hill, N. C.

The following young ladies expect to leave Monday for Chapel Hill to be present at the commencement exercises of the state university: Miss May Melle Small, Miss Katherine Small, Miss Mary Hill, Miss Winifred Nicholson, Miss Fannie Lamb Haughton.

To Receive Degree

Rev. W. H. Call leaves tomorrow morning for Chapel Hill to attend the University of North Carolina commencement. Mr. Call is a member of the class of 1885 and he goes to attend the reunion and also to receive his A. B. Degree. This degree is conferred on all Confederate soldiers who left the University...

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