

County Supt. Privette Gives His Ideas About The School Work

SHOULD RESPECT THE DIFFERENCES All Should Work For The Greatest Good To Greatest Number

The Incompetent Teacher We Do Not Want; the highly Efficient Teacher We Cannot Keep—Discuss Important Question. Should Be Carefully Read By All Citizens.

(By Supt. W. G. Privette)

I am writing in every way possible to acquaint the people of the county with my ideas about school work and from time to time I shall speak to them through the columns of the daily and weekly papers. If you do not agree with my opinion I shall be glad to have him tell me so and state his reasons. A difference of opinion ought to always be respected and I hope I am broad-minded to see more than one side of a question.

In this article I wish to speak of one of two phases of consolidation. One of the greatest hindrances to building up an adequate school system, a system that meets the needs of the people, is the man who has become so attached to the little "one-teacher school" of former days that he wants the county to maintain one for each member of his own family and at least one for every farm house in the community. Such a system, if possible to maintain, would be undesirable. If our motives were purely commercial, we could not afford such a system, for one well-equipped graded school will enhance the value of every piece of property in a community more than if there were a little one-teacher school on each of the four corners of every farm. The most vital question is not how near is the school to the school doors, but how efficient is the school.

People have long since realized that so long as we live in a society and enjoy the blessings of it, we must consider the general good as well as our own. I do not believe that we have the right to cast the burden of a school district that it will be impossible for some children to attend school without making some arrangements for transportation but I do believe that we should work for the greatest good to the greatest number, though in so doing some may be put to some disadvantage.

The following figures collected from teachers' reports may be of interest to those who read this article. There are schools in the county as follows: Eleven having not more than 1 to 12 pupils in daily attendance; twelve with not more than 13 to 18; thirteen with only 19 to 25; and nine with from 26 to 35. The cost per month for teaching a pupil in a school of only

twelve in daily attendance is \$2.50, in a school of 15 the cost is \$2.08, and in a school whose daily attendance is twenty-five the cost per pupil is \$1.25. You will notice that as the number in daily attendance increases the cost per pupil decreases. These facts answer in a convincing way the argument of those who oppose consolidation on the ground that it is a scheme to raise school taxes. On the other hand, it is not a plan to get along with less school funds, but to use more efficiently the funds that are available. The chances are that every consolidated district will eventually become a special tax district for as schools increase in efficiency, which is easy enough. The one-teacher school, just so does the demand for better schools increase and the people become more able to support them. No man doubts that a good school is the best investment, and with the church is the greatest asset any community can have.

Quite often I am approached with this question from a man who is diametrically opposed to consolidation and special tax. Why is it that our school has to take every year, a young, inexperienced teacher while the one we have trained leaves us for some other school? The answer is easy enough. The one-teacher school seldom secures the services of the same teacher for the second term. Because, if incompetent, she usually gets disgusted with the whole business and quits altogether after the first year, or if she has in her the making of a good teacher she feels that after one year her apprenticeship has been served and she is competent to take charge of a larger school.

When we consider the situation in the one-teacher school, of low salary, promotion to larger schools as soon as the teacher becomes competent to do well the work in the smaller school, the desire of the teacher for companionship with her colleagues in larger schools, it becomes plainly evident that we have no grounds upon which to expect teaching in these small one-teacher schools to ever become more than a makeshift occupation. The incompetent teacher you do not want; the highly efficient teacher you cannot keep. Other phases of consolidation will appear in these columns from time to time.

CITY CLERK W. C. AYERS IS A BENEDICT

Was Married to Miss May Stewart Cuthrell of Salisbury Wednesday Evening Last. Now on Tour.

Mr. William C. Ayers, Washington's efficient city clerk, and Miss May Stewart Cuthrell, were married at the residence of the bride in Salisbury, N. C., on last Wednesday evening. The Salisbury Post of March 19th contains the following account of the wedding which no doubt will be read with interest by their numerous friends here. The Post says:

Announcements reading as follows, have been issued: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cuthrell announce the marriage of their daughter Mary Stewart to

Mr. William C. Ayers Wednesday, March 18, 1914 Salisbury, North Carolina. At Home After April 1st.

Washington, North Carolina. The wedding, which was solemnized last evening at 8:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents on South Fulton street, was characterized by simple beauty and impressiveness.

The home was beautifully decorated for the event, masses of daisies being used in the hall and living room, while the parlor, where the ceremony was performed, was lovely with innumerable wax candles and evergreens. The vows were assumed before an effective group of palms and ferns.

The bride who never looked lovelier than on this occasion, wore a stylish tailored suit of King blue cloth with bouquet of lilies of the valley. Her maid of honor and only attendant was Miss Mae McCorkle who was handsomely gowned in pink crepe charmeuse, trimmed with brown chiffon. The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. Fred Ayers of Washington, N. C., as best man.

Dr. Byron Clark impressively performed the ceremony using the beautiful ring service of the Presbyterian church. Only relatives and close friends of the bride and groom were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Ayers were driven to the station where they took a southbound train for a honeymoon trip to St. Augustine and other points in Florida.

The bride of last evening comes of a distinguished line of ancestry and to her heritage of beauty and mental endowments she adds a vivacious manner, a winsome personality and a nature of rare sweetness. She is a beauty of the blond type and her unusual combination of golden hair with large brown eyes called forth the admiration of all who know her.

Mr. Ayers is the son of Mr. E. W. Ayers and is one of Washington's most popular and prominent young business men. He holds the position of city clerk and is a young man of fine business ability and admirable traits of character.

Mr. and Mrs. Ayers will be at home to their friends in Washington, N. C., after April 1st.

THE WEATHER MAN ON YESTERDAY DID HIS BEST FOR US

Go-to-Church Sunday Was Well Patronized Notwithstanding the Elements Were Against It.

ANOTHER DAY SUGGESTED All The Pastors of the City Delivered Sermons Suitable To The Day. Sunday School Enrollment Large.

The weather man it seems, endeavored yesterday to give us all that was coming our way and in consequence "Go to Church Sunday" in Washington lacked the attendance at the respective churches planned and hoped for. However, the attendance notwithstanding the elements worked against it, was larger than usual and many strange and new faces were seen in the places of worship.

If the day had been favorable no doubt but "Go to Church Sunday" would have been a record breaker. The pastors of the city were expecting and looking for great things, and the regular church goers were jubilant over the outlook for a great church attendance.

The respective pastors of the city had prepared suitable sermons for the day, and while they were all delivered, they were heard by much smaller congregations than if the day had been more propitious. Already the suggestion has been made that Washington have another "Go to Church Sunday." The idea is certainly not a bad one and it is hoped that an announcement will soon be forthcoming.

At the First Methodist Church pastor Snipes delivered a thoughtful discourse from the topic: "Man's Individual Responsibility." At the Episcopal Church, due to the bad weather, the rector, Rev. N. Harding could not fill his pulpit, so the service was conducted by lay reader John G. Bragaw, Jr. Mr. Bragaw read a very interesting sermon on "Indifference." Pastor Searlight of the First Presbyterian Church, spoke with force and thought from the subject: "Compelling Them to Come In;" at the Christian Church the congregation heard with pleasure an entertaining and thoughtful discourse on "Constancy" by the pastor, Rev. E. V. Roper; those present at the First Baptist church were delighted and charmed with the sermon delivered by the pastor, Rev. E. L. Gay, from the topic: "Going to Church with Gladness."

There was a good attendance at all the Sunday schools. While the elements worked the other way there was an increased attendance worshipping in the respective churches as "Go to Church Sunday" in the city.

WELL KNOWN VAUDEVILLE ON BOARDS

WEEK END CRUISE WAS DEFERRED

The opening attraction at the New Theater tonight for three days is another of those high class acts of the well known Keith's. "Victor LeRoy and Mae Cahill" will render the latest songs and jokes just out. This act and the next ones are among the best that there is on this circuit. One good feature about this class of vaudeville is that you are certain of not seeing or hearing anything vulgar or suggestive either in language or dress. The acts are simply what the public should demand. They are perfectly refined and high class. The Photoplay tonight consist of a two reel feature, and a one-reel picture. Among the best that they have had. This house runs only associated films.

On account of yesterday being "Go to Church Sunday" in Washington the contemplated week-end cruise by the Sixth Division North Carolina Naval Militia on the United States Torpedo Boat Foote to Ocracoke was postponed. Instead of taking the cruise the officers decided to attend the members an opportunity to attend the respective Sunday schools and church services in the city. The cruise will be pulled off at a later day.

BIG RALLY AT GAYLORD'S ON THURSDAY

Professor M. C. S. Noble of State University Will Speak Thursday. School Entertainment Friday Night.

There is to be an educational rally held at the Gaylord school house in Bath township next Thursday and Friday and the prospects are that a large number will attend. The feature of the rally will be an educational address on Thursday at eleven o'clock by Prof. M. C. S. Noble of the University of North Carolina. Mr. Noble is dean of the school of education at the University and is doing a great work in his line throughout the state. On Friday the members of this thriving and flourishing school will give an entertainment. All the citizens in the county, especially those interested in the great cause of education, are cordially invited to be present.

DEBATERS ARE VICTORS AT E. CITY

Although the debaters from the New Bern High School won with hands down in their joint debate with the Washington boys at the school auditorium last Friday night it will be good news to the patrons of the school to learn that the Washington representatives who went to Elizabeth City where they discussed the same question there were victorious. At Elizabeth City the debaters from here had the negative side of the question and from all reports acquitted themselves nicely—anyway the judges gave a unanimous decision in their favor. Washington's representatives at Elizabeth City were Messrs. Charles Proctor and Hubert Ellis. The query was, "Resolved, That the Constitution of North Carolina be so amended as to allow the initiative and referendum in state legislation." Congratulations are being showered on the debaters of this city who have returned from Elizabeth City bearing with them the palms of victory.

WELL REHEARSE THE CANTATA TONIGHT AT MRS. D. M. CARTER'S.

All the members of the First Methodist Church choir are requested to meet at the home of Mrs. D. Carter this evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of rehearsing the Easter music.

Demand Made For Pure Bred Cattle Now in South

Washington, D. C., Mar. 23.—One of the most important effects of the eradication of the Texas fever cattle tick in the South and the consequent release of large areas from quarantine has been the development of a demand among farmers in the released areas for pure bred cattle to improve their native stock, especially beef cattle. Many requests have reached the Department of Agriculture for assistance in obtaining such animals. Farmers in this territory often do not know where or how to buy and do not feel confident in their own judgment as to what to buy. To meet the situation the Bureau of Animal Industry recently suggested a cooperative arrangement between breeders' associations and the Farmers Cooperative demonstration Work of the Department of Agriculture, whereby sales could be held at which purchasers could be assured of fair dealing.

Boat Line Managers Wish Co-operation of City's Business Men

HEAR TRIO SCHOOL BLD'G THIS EVE.

Will Be Presented For Benefit of The Washington High School Athletic Association. Large Crowd Expected.

The Ithaca Conservatory Entertainment Trio will be the attraction at the Public School Auditorium this evening and the occasion promises to be one of interest and entertainment. This well known attraction comes to Washington under the auspices and for the benefit of the Washington High School Athletic Association and it is hoped that the entertainment will be generously patronized thereby helping and aiding the athletic association in their efforts to have a first class baseball team this season. Tickets are now on sale at Worthy & Etheridge drug store. The trio is reputed to be one of the best of its kind now touring the south. The prices are, 25c, 35c and 50c.

POSTPONED ON ACCOUNT WEATHER

On account of the inclement weather yesterday the meeting of the Baraca-Philathea City Union advertised to have been held at the Christian Church yesterday afternoon at three o'clock, had to be postponed until next Sunday. The speaker of the occasion will be Hon. H. S. Ward, whose subject will be: "The Early Closing of Stores." Universal regret was expressed yesterday that the weather interfered, however, all the members of the union are looking forward to the coming of next Sunday with gusto for a rich treat awaits them through the address of Mr. Ward who is one of the city's attractive speakers. Not only will the address be one of the features but a delightful and entertaining program will be carried out.

WELCOME VISITOR

Among the welcome visitors to Washington today is Mr. W. G. Meekins of Jessama, N. C.

Steamer Shaw Will Arrive Here This Week

Secretary Chas. A. Flynn, of The Chamber of Commerce In Receipt of a Letter From The Superintendent of Transportation.

Secretary Charles A. Flynn of the Chamber of Commerce is just in receipt of a letter from Frank S. Kelly, superintendent of transportation of the proposed steamboat line between Baltimore, Norfolk, Washington and New Bern, with reference to the establishment of this much-needed enterprise for this section. The letter fully explains itself and should be carefully read by all the merchants and business men.

New York, Mar. 21, 1914
Dear Sir:—Your telegram to Capt. Deakno received for which I thank you.

It is expected that the steamer "Shaw" will be in Norfolk Wednesday ready to load on her first trip to Washington and New Bern. I trust you will use your good influence to induce all of your merchants to assist in every way possible to make the venture a successful one, and I can assure you we will give you the very best service obtainable between your place and Norfolk and Baltimore at a very much cheaper rate than you now obtain.

I will be in Norfolk on Wednesday and would appreciate it very much if you would request your merchants to write me in care of Victoria Hotel just what goods they have there that we can load on Wednesday. If they will give me the names of the concerns from whom their goods will come I will advise such concern just where the steamer "Shaw" will dock in Norfolk.

I have not had an opportunity as yet to arrange a freight rate schedule between New Bern, Washington, N. C., Norfolk and Baltimore, but you can rest assured our charges will indeed be very reasonable. I wish this undertaking to be a successful one and wish to cooperate with your people in every respect possible.

Please be on the lookout for back freight for the steamer from your place to Norfolk or Baltimore. The "Shaw" should be ready to return about the first part of the following week, and you can advise your merchants that she should be ready to load in Baltimore for down trip about the latter part of same week.

Thanking you for the kindly interest you have taken in this matter, I am,

Yours most respectfully,

FRANK S. KELLY,
Supt. Transportation.

Please advise of suitable place for steamer to dock in Washington.

A Bitter Tongue.

It was at a concert. The eminent pianist was embarked upon an ambitious classical program. The single individual present who had paid for his ticket turned to his right hand neighbor, obviously by his bored and superior air a person whose business it was to attend concerts—a musical critic.

"Beg pardon," said the individual "but isn't that something of Chopin's—that last number?"
"It is," replied the critic morosely—"when somebody else plays it."—New York Post.

Lyric Theatre

Will present tonight
LANG & LOYD
the famous tango dancers. They will also shine with good jokes and singing. This act has played in all of Keith's houses and comes here not only highly recommended by the them but also by all of the large presses both Southern and Northern. Entire change of program each night. For the last half of this week the Lyric wishes to announce they will present "Billy La Colles and Wife." Comedy Singing Entertainers. This is an extra clever act and is absolutely guaranteed to please every one. Picture program guaranteed to be the best ever shown in Washington.

Board Intercepts Shipment of Cotton Sent From Egypt

Washington, D. C., March 23.—The Federal Horticultural Board has intercepted a shipment of cotton sent from Egypt which was found to be heavily infested by the so-called pink boll worm. This is a result of the quarantine against cotton seed which was promulgated by the Board some time ago. The seed which was intended for planting in Arizona arrived in Boston, where the customs officials, under instructions from the board, obtained possession of it.

VALUABLE PROPERTY ON E. MAIN STREET

Postmaster Hugh Paul has just completed a deal with the trustees of the First Baptist church whereby he becomes the owner of two lots lying from the Morton property on East Main street recently purchased to the church. Mr. Paul has pro-

ceeded one lot facing on Harvey St. and another facing on Harvey street. The trustees of the church will use the remaining portion of the property upon which to erect their church and parsonage.

Hampden, Tenn., Mar. 22.—The Chicago Cubs will play an exhibition game here today. The Yankees are at Jacksonville, where they will play tomorrow.