

CHAPEL HILL

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION MET HERE SATURDAY

Scotland County Teachers in Session Pledge Themselves to Moonlight School Work.

A most pleasing and profitable meeting of the Scotland County Teachers' Association was held here Saturday, the Laurinburg teachers entertaining them.

The meeting was held in the central school building and was largely attended, about 37 of the teachers of the county taking an active and interested part in the proceedings.

The meeting was opened with a song and a prayer. Then followed the reorganization and election of officers for the present year.

Superintendent Peel then addressed the Association, calling special attention to community service week, its advantages and the good to be accomplished in the successful promotion of the ideas and intention in the establishment of this special week.

As a special inspiration to the students throughout the county the Association agreed to award a diploma to every child in the public schools of the county who would read intensively and pass an examination on six of the books given in the list found in the North Carolina Education for October.

Moonlight Schools was one of the most interesting topics of the day. Prof. S. W. Rabb, Prof. O. C. Williamson and Miss Maggie Clark made interesting and helpful talks to the Association on their experience in organizing and conducting these schools.

The teachers exhibited their deep interest by obligating to do all in their power to organize a moonlight school in their different neighborhoods.

Missionary Rally.

Thursday was set apart as missionary rally day of the societies of different denominations in the city. All were invited to meet with the Baptist Society and right royally did they do their part.

Cream and Skimmed Milk.

The reader who keeps his eye on the advertisements in this paper gets the cream of the bargains.

Merchants who advertise get the cream of the business, while the fellow who doesn't believe in printer's ink gets the clabber.

Eight convicted murderers will swing from California gallows in the next five weeks. Only Gov. Hiram Johnson can save them, and he is not likely to interfere.

Fifteen months of war and not all dead yet!

BUYS INTEREST IN HOPE MILLS PLANT

Mr. J. F. McNair Largely Interested in New Organization to Operate Cotton Mills.

We are glad to announce the good news that the large cotton mills at Hope Mills, which were bid in at a sale here Wednesday, will soon be running again, well equipped with new and up-to-date machinery.

After A. M. McCarthy of Pennsylvania had bid in the property Wednesday for the bondholders for the sum of \$75,000, a private sale was effected to W. J. Beattie, Jr., of Hope Mills, A. J. McKinnon of Maxton, and John F. McNair of Laurinburg.

The Observer interviewed Mr. Beattie this morning over the long distance phone and received the following information:

As mentioned above, the mills were bought at private sale by Messrs. Beattie, McKinnon and McNair. Mr. Beattie will go North at once, complete the details of the sale, buy new machinery to replace all at present in the mills which is out of date, and return in a few days.

Mr. Beattie will have the entire management of the mills, and he is well equipped for it, as he was for years manager of the Hope Mills Manufacturing Company, as general superintendent and secretary.

Messrs. McKinnon and McNair are representative business men of the Upper Cape Fear section, both as to ability and probity, and their investment in property at Hope Mills is cause for congratulation.

Hope Mills has been a mill village for more than half a century. The first mill there was built and operated we believe, before the War by the late Charles T. Haigh of Fayetteville.

Those who have lost faith and are in a world of trouble would be drawn to a person of this sort for sympathy and counsel. He would serve them without price.

Rev. R. F. Bumpas Ill.

It is with great regret that we chronicle the illness of Rev. R. F. Bumpas, the beloved pastor of the Laurinburg Methodist church.

The Solicitor Lost.

Trying a boy at Yancey county court for breaking into a store, Solicitor Michael Schenk was relying on the fact that when arrested the boy had in his possession a box of snuff of the brand missed from the store.

Up rose a lanky juror and took a box of snuff from his pocket. The laugh was on the solicitor and the boy went free.—Statesville Landmark.

Luther Huff, five times convicted of larceny, now doing his last 30 days in jail at Sapulpa, Okla., has received word that a bachelor uncle at Board City, N. M., had died and left him a ranch and herd of cattle, the property being worth \$31,000.

Ex-President William H. Taft has confirmed the statement of Republican National Chairman Hillis that he would not be a candidate for renomination on the Republican ticket next year.

THINGS PERTAINING TO LIFE

By Harry M. North.

A CERTAIN MAN I KNOW.

For many years I have known a certain man in this town, and have admired his character and received an inspiration from his life.

This man has worked hard for a living, to rear his children, to feed and clothe them. He has exerted himself to get them started in the right way.

While in the truest sense he is a humble man yet he is far from being a weakling. One feels when dealing with him that he is a man, not a thing, not a travesty.

He looks out upon the world with serene gaze, watching its changes and the movements of its unsettled passions.

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Bullard-Stanton.

The following invitations have been issued: Mr. William R. Bullard invites you to be present at the marriage of his sister Miss Sallie McDuffie to Mr. Henry Grady Stanton on Wednesday evening, November the twenty-fourth at six o'clock at Spring Hill Church Wagram, North Carolina.

To Entertain Faculty.

Tomorrow evening Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Benton will entertain a number of their friends in honor of the Graded School Faculty. For the affair the following invitations have been issued: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Benton At Home Friday Evening November Nineteenth Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen Graded School Faculty.

In the fiscal year following the outbreak of the European war, the American shoe bill declined \$90,000,000, according to John E. Wilder, president of the National Association of Tanners, in convention at Chicago.

Submarine F-4, in which 21 officers and men lost their lives at Honolulu, will not be repaired. The Navy department has found the damage too extensive to make repairs practicable.

Swiped the Prizes.

Our good friend, Mr. John Blue, decided to exhibit a few things at the fair our neighbors held over at Bennettsville.

- 12. Vanburnt 2H. grain drill, by John Blue, Laurinburg, N. C., 1st. 13. Vanburnt Grain drill, 1H., by John Blue, Laurinburg, N. C., 1st. 14. 1H. John Deer steel plow, by John Blue, Laurinburg, N. C., 1st. 15. 1H. John Deer Manure spreader, by John Blue, Laurinburg, N. C., 1st. 16. John Deer 2H. plow, by John Blue, Laurinburg, N. C., 1st. 17. John Deer Sulky plow, by John Blue, Laurinburg, N. C., 1st. 18. Middle buster, by John Blue, Laurinburg, N. C., 1st. 19. Middle buster, by John Blue, Laurinburg, N. C., 1st. 20. Rex Guano distributor Mfg., by John Blue, Laurinburg, N. C., 1st. 21. Gasoline engine, by John Blue, Laurinburg, N. C., 1st. 22. 4H. Gasoline engine, by John Blue, Laurinburg, N. C., 1st. 23. 4H. wagon, by John Blue, Laurinburg, N. C., 1st.

Negros Pay Respect.

As an expression of the great esteem in which Dr. Booker T. Washington, the noted negro educator, was held by the negroes everywhere, the negro enterprises, at the suggestion of Walter P. Evans, the negro merchant, in Laurinburg suspended all business activity yesterday morning between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock.

In the passing of Dr. Washington, the negroes of the South lost their friend, and the greatest negro that has ever lived passed to his final reward.

Dr. Washington was president of the National Negro Business League, of which organization Evans was a life member. Upon receipt of the intelligence of the death of Dr. Washington, Evans sent the following message of condolence:

Emmett J. Scott, Secretary, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala.

Accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your president, Dr. Washington. Your loss is the world's loss. Many men can be president of these United States, but no man can be president of Tuskegee Institute and the National Negro Business League just as Booker T. Washington was. God made one Moses, one Joshua and one Booker T. Washington.

Smith-Andrew.

Yesterday evening at 6:30 Dr. J. McN. Smith was married to Miss Roberta Andrew. The marriage taking place at the home of the bride at Harmon, Md.

Dr. Smith is the son of Mrs. N. McN. Smith of this city, and for the past several years has been practicing his profession at Rowland. He is a young man of the finest character and is endowed with special qualifications for his chosen profession.

Immediately after the ceremony they left for New York City where they will spend the winter, Dr. Smith taking a special course in medicine.

Mr. E. L. Smith, brother of the groom, who acted as best man, left Monday for Harmon.

Mrs. Chubb Losee Father.

Mrs. C. A. Chubb and her brother Mr. Nathan M. Johnson were called to Willard, this state, two weeks ago on account of the illness of their father, Mr. David Johnson.

Mr. Johnson was in his ninetieth year; was a farmer and prominent citizen of that section of the State. He was a Confederate soldier, going through the four years of war with distinction and honor.

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MOONLIGHT SCHOOL DOING GREAT WORK

Men Who Did Not Know Letters Now Can Read—Letter From Prof. Walker—Other School News.

The expression of interest in the school news from a number of friends and patrons is appreciated, and we hope to increase this interest so that there may not only be an increased expression in words but also in action.

It is a pleasure to include in the news this week a letter from Prof. N. W. Walker, State Supervisor and Inspector of High Schools, who recently visited our school. It is as follows: "I am very glad to send you a few lines as to the condition in which I found your school."

1. You need an additional teacher in the high school department, in order in the first place that the superintendent may have a little more time for the supervision and direction of the entire school, and further to enable you by reorganization of your courses in science to strengthen this side of your course.

2. As I have just said and as you know as well as I, the science department needs to be so strengthened that its course can be made of equal value at least with the other courses of the school in order that they might be put on an electrical basis.

3. Whether the suggestions I have carried out or not your school should by all means add some laboratory equipment and apparatus for the courses now offered in science, and for your laboratory there should of course be fitted up a special room.

4. Your school is beginning to become crowded and this means that you are going to have to do one of two things—either enlarge the present building, which seems practically out of the question, or erect an additional building, which seems to be the only alternative.

I do not believe I have called your attention to a single need of your school which you had not already realized. I think these are matters of importance that should be brought to the attention of your board and I sincerely hope that when they are presented a way may be found where by another teacher may be added, some laboratory equipment installed in a special room for your science work, and that an additional practical course in science with laboratory work may be introduced.

Let me repeat what I said at the outset, I found your school in very good condition and I was much pleased with what I saw. I wish further to add that if there is any way in which I can cooperate with you and your board in helping you to strengthen the school along the lines suggested I am cheerfully at your command.

With all good wishes for a successful year, I am,

Cordially yours,

N. W. Walker,

State Inspector of High Schools. These words of commendation should serve as an inspiration to us and those of advice should encourage a renewed effort on the part of teachers and patrons.

The laboratory equipment to which Mr. Walker referred has been received and installed. Though it cost \$55, it is not complete, and only furnishes a foundation to which we hope to add from year to year. The purpose of this equipment is fully explained in the letter published above, and the results of its installation is seen in the great increase in the interest and work of the science pupils.

The necessity for another teacher in the high school department is apparent not only for the extension of the Science course, but for carrying

TWO DEPOTS ROBBED ON THE SAME NIGHT

Thieves Get \$103, Nice Handbag and Overcoat and a Feed of Bananas at One Haul—No Clues.

Sometime between the hour of closing the freight and ticket offices of the Seaboard Air Line and the Laurinburg & Southern railroads Wednesday night and Thursday morning, thieves broke into both places and helped themselves to what they wanted.

At the Seaboard the ticket office was entered but nothing stolen. The baggage room was also entered and here they found rather a rich harvest, securing \$103 in cash, a handbag and an overcoat.

The money belonged to Mr. Ben Webb, son of Mr. W. T. Webb, of Laurinburg, R. F. D. No. 3. Mr. Webb had arrived in the city on the 9:07 train and left his trunk which contained the \$103 and his clothing at the station, he himself having gone to the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. W. D. Wright, to spend the night.

The trunk was carried to a point 100 yards down the track east of the depot. Here it was rifled and the clothing scattered in every direction. Nothing of the contents of the trunk was taken but the cash. The thieves did not treat Mr. L. B. Sargent with so much consideration, but kept both his overcoat and his handbag.

The robbery was not discovered until Thursday morning when the negro porter came to open up the Seaboard station.

Up to this time no clue to the guilty parties has been discovered.

A Short Vacation.

John Williams, colored, followed the lure of the gaming table and because of his flirtation with luck, and too, because the cops caught him in the act, he went to the reformatory of Richmond county for a period of three months. This was in August. His time expired yesterday and tonight he came home.

He came Saturday night, met, fussed, and Williams Monday night to the Recorder's office to the roads, to the months. From there he appealed.

His fighting pal, McKea, paid five bones and the cost.

George Halstead, of Redondo Beach, Cal., recently discovered a secret pocket in a new suit he had bought in New York city, and, reaching into the pocket, he found a \$20 gold piece. It is thought that the dealer, while demonstrating the good qualities of the suit, slipped the money into the pocket and forgot it.

The amount that was cleared at the Halloween entertainment was \$78.50 instead of \$37.50 as printed in our last letter.

We regret that because of fairs, sickness and potato digging our percentage in attendance for the past two weeks has dropped far below the average. It registered only 94 for the two weeks. The eleventh, tenth and ninth grades deserve credit for having made a percentage of 100 during one of these weeks.

The number of members in the Penmanship Club has increased from 29 to 40 during the past two weeks. Such an interest and united effort can not result in anything but good.

We are glad to report that we have had nine visitors during the past week. Come at any time. A hearty welcome awaits you.

The enrollment at the night school has increased to 75 during the past week, and the work has progressed in a most satisfactory way. Men, who did not know their letters, can now after six lessons, read; and, those who did not know one figure from another, can now add three and four columns of figures. For lack of space we will not go into this feature of the work, though we may solve it in its entirety and advice in its entirety.

In another account of the Laurinburg County Teachers' Association meeting was held in the city Saturday. It was held to have the attention as our community to it is possible