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COUNTY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Most Pleasant Session of the Year--
Betterment Association Elects
New Officers.

The last meeting of the current school year convened at Jackson on the 5th inst. The weather was propitious and all nature seemed to call one out to partake of its beauty. Consequently the long drive, which some of the teachers were under the necessity of taking to reach the county seat, was restful rather than wearisome.

It seemed very much in keeping with the occasion that the social element should receive more than usual emphasis at this time. We could hardly tell all the happy features of the day without giving pain to the absentees who should read about it. As it would seem unkind to voluntarily inflict pain it may be wise to report only part of the unusual pleasure attending this meeting.

The noon hour was observed in a very happy way. All sat on the ground and partook of a good old-fashioned picnic dinner. Even the County Superintendent threw off his accustomed dignity, placed himself in the same humble bodily position and aided greatly in the enjoyment of this function.

The first number on the program was "Music as a Factor in Education," by Ethel Skinner. She showed what appeared to her to be the advantages accruing from having this subject on the school curriculum, giving a brief history of music from earliest times.

She was followed by Margaret C. Brown on "Vital Points in regard to Malaria." She believed that all teachers should teach their students the important facts concerning the nature, cause and prevention of the disease, because it depended, in her opinion, on the children of the present day to carry out means in future years for the eradication of this prevalent disease.

Various teachers then took part in a discussion, led by Supt. P. J. Long, on "School Credits for Home Work." It was thought that this system, if tactfully followed out, would bind the home and school closer together.

The audience was later treated to a deeply interesting and inspiring talk on "How to Get Cooperation of the Adolescent Pupil," by Supt. D. B. Bryan. He had been asked to give this talk on account of his own success in this direction. The gravity of the countenances as he proceeded showed that the very souls of his hearers were fired with a realization of the importance of understanding this particular age in students. Teachers sometimes forget that they are duty bound to train any part except the intellect. They often fail in dealing with pupils of this age because they do not understand the psychological and physiological changes taking place in their being. They must have personal talks with these students in order to get their sympathy and co-operation. Failure on the part of the student to do work given him by the teacher is frequently on account of utter inability caused by adolescent growth.

The Woman's Betterment Association elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—Harriet Bowen.

Vice-President—Mina Holloman.

Sec.-Treas.—Ethel Hunt.

Just before the meeting closed Supt. Long gave the teachers

an encouraging message expressing his appreciation of their good attendance during the year and hoping to meet all the coming year.

H. J. S.

Potocasi News

Mrs. Mollie Harrell and Miss Gladys Lassiter spent Saturday and Sunday in Menola with Mrs. E. C. Parker.

Miss Pearl Ballinger of Woodland was a guest in the home of Mr. E. B. Lassiter Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. C. W. Draper of George spent several days last week with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Beale.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Harrell spent Sunday and Monday in Severn with her people.

Miss Estelle Beale visited her sister, Mrs. Draper, of George, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. L. M. Beale was a caller beyond Woodlank Sunday afternoon.

Supt. P. J. Long of Jackson paid a visit to the school here Friday afternoon.

The Y. W. A.'s of this place will render a public program in a meeting next Sunday night. The meeting will be given in the place of the prayer meeting. Rev. L. A. Parker will give us a talk on missions and a special collection will be taken for Home Missions. Everybody is invited.

Mr. L. J. Doffermyre of Mapleton visited Mrs. Doffermyre Sunday, who is spending a couple of weeks with her parents here.

Mrs. Bettie Jenkins is now with Mrs. R. L. Powell.

Messrs. Garriss and Vann of Murfreesboro were callers in town Sunday evening.

The commencement exercises will be given here about the 6th and 7th of May. We're sorry that it will conflict with Woodland but arrangements were already made.

Mr. Walter Bell of Capron, Va., has been visiting his sister, Mrs. R. L. Powell.

Some went over to witness the marriage of Mr. Luke Mulder to Miss Mary Emma Sumner Sunday afternoon.

Commencement Exercises Severn High School.

The commencement exercises of Severn High School will begin on the evening of April 17th., at 8:00 o'clock. The exercises will consist of songs, recitations, instrumental music, dialogues, short plays, scenic readings, etc.

On Friday morning, the 18th., at 10:30 o'clock the contests for medals will be held. At 2:30 in the afternoon the annual address will be delivered by Rev. Jesse McCarter of Franklin, Va. In the evening the closing exercises will be a play given by the pupils of the high school.

Tiresome.

"'Twas all account o' dat yaller gal. Saliny," explained Mose, talking with difficulty through the bandages that swathed his face.

"I goes out walking wid her and long comes dat Sam Jacks on, what she's been keeping company with. Widout saying a word dat man comes over and busts me in de mouf. No sooner dit I git up dan bam! He lands on my left year and over I goes agin.

"After that he hit me in dis year and den in de yuther one; and stomped on me while I was down. When I got up and begun to run he followed, kicking me every yuther step.

"I never got so tired of a culud man in all my life!"

FROM JACKSON.

Court Adjourned--To Be Tried for Murder--Personal and General News Items.

The Northampton County Teachers' Association met in Jackson Saturday, April 6th.

Rev. Robert Peele, a former citizen of Jackson, preached in the Baptist church last Wednesday evening.

Miss Mina Holloman, of the Rich Square High School faculty, was the guest of Miss Annie Sears Saturday and Sunday.

Judge R. B. Peebles was at home from Thursday until Sunday.

The visiting lawyers attending court last week were, Judge B. B. Winborne, Messrs. Stanley Winborne and D. C. Barnes of Murfreesboro; W. E. Daniel, Geo. C. Green and W. L. Knight, Weldon; C. Wallace Jones of Winton; G. W. Connor of Wilson; W. H. S. Burgwyn of Woodland, Lumsford Long and Judge T. W. Mason of Garysburg; and Solicitor John H. Kerr of Warrenton.

Miss Ellen W. Lewis is visiting in Norfolk.

Miss Elma Calvert was hostess at a birthday party last Thursday evening.

Court adjourned late Saturday night after being in session five days. Jurors were drawn for a two weeks term but were not needed for the second week. News went out that heavy fines had been imposed in a number of cases and the county school fund increased about fourteen hundred dollars, but before he left Judge Cook reduced the fines until the amount was less than half the amount that was first imposed.

True bills have been returned against the alleged murderers of Dick Doles, a colored man who was shot from ambush and killed here a few years ago. The parties were tried at this term of court on a charge of stealing several bales of cotton, convicted and sent to the roads for two years but will be brought back and tried at August court on the charge of murder.

Commencement at Milwaukee.

The commencement exercises of the Milwaukee Graded School will be April 11th. and 12th.

Friday afternoon the students of the Primary and Intermediate departments will render a program.

At 8:00 P. M. the students of the 8th. and 9th. grades will present a play, entitled "A Royal Cinch" together with other numbers, including the school prophecy.

Saturday at 10:30 A. M. an address will be delivered by Rev. Wm. B. North, Ph. D., of Jackson.

All these exercises are free except those of Friday night. A small admission fee of 15 and 25 cents will be charged for them. The public is invited.

M. F. H.

Some Sentences.

"New," asked the young school teacher, "can anyone give me a sentence with the words 'boys,' 'bear' and 'bees' in it?"

Johnny Smith raised his hand.

"Well, Johnny, you may try."

"When we go swimmin' all the boys bees bare," said Johnny, bracingly.—N. C. Education.

He who by his private authority breaks a bad law, authorizes others to break good laws.—Diderot.

Murfreesboro Locals.

The recital given by the Glee Club of Chowan College last Friday evening was a great success and brought to the institution a number of friends from all the surrounding country and nearby towns.

Mrs. Numa Deans is quite sick and has had to suspend her school work for the present.

"Uncle" Sam Payne, one of the oldest colored citizens of this place, being in his 87th. year, died last Friday night. He has been a trusted servant for Chowan College for about 30 years and was highly respected. The funeral service was held by his pastor, Rev. C. H. Lewter, and impressive talks were made by Rev. Q. C. Davis of the college faculty, and Ex. President, John C. Scarborough.

Hon. and Mrs. John C. Scarborough were in town Sunday.

Our resident lawyers, Judge B. B. and Stanley Winborne, L. J. Lawrence and Senator D. C. Barnes went to Winton Monday.

An attempt was made on the life of Mr. R. Sewell last Thursday night and it appears he had a narrow escape. Just as he was closing the hotel for the night, after his family and guests had retired, Charles Ridley, colored entered and attacked him. The noise of the scuffle soon brought help. Ridley was conveyed to Winton jail by Constable J. L. Wall on Friday.

Miss Anna Spiers has returned to her home in Newport News, Va., after closing a term of public school here.

After spending some time at the bedside of his mother, Mr. Eddie Deans has returned to Newsoms, Va.

Mr. J. D. Sessoms has bought a part of the old Fair grounds property of Mr. J. D. Babb.

The new concrete building for the Citizens Bank will soon be finished.

The foundation for Mr. C. W. Gardner's residence on Seminary Avenue, the old Methodist College lawn, is being laid.

Severn News.

The young men of this place had a fish fry at the seine beach last Wednesday evening. They report it an enjoyable occasion.

Among those who attended the Glee Club concert at Chowan College last Friday evening may be mentioned, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White, Miss Maude Harris, Mess George Tyler, Charlie Britte, Philip Massey, Clayton Long, Robert Rogers, Gordon Pruden and J. B. Stephenson, Jr.

Misses Elsie and Elma Lewter and Nina Mae Woodard visited relatives at Pendleton Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. W. H. Pruett spent last week in Jackson the guest of his daughter, Mrs. P. M. Fleetwood.

Some of the early risers report a light snow fall here Tuesday morning, April 8th.

Mr. D. W. Watson is attending District Conference at Wilmamston this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Barnes spent Tuesday in Norfolk.

On last Thursday evening the play, "The Masonic Ring," was presented in the auditorium of the school building here by the Francisville talent. It was a good play, well rendered, and every member of the troupe deserves much praise. About \$25.00 was raised for the benefit of the Francisville school.

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WHERE DO HORNETS GO?

Captain Carlton Puts the Naturalists to Guessing.

From The Statesville Landmark.

A Landmark man was admiring a fine large hornet's nest in Capt. P. C. Carlton's office the other day when the captain remarked that notwithstanding diligent search of books and inquiry among people, he had never been able to learn where hornets stay in winter. Some people say they stay in the ground, but who in digging or plowing ever saw any hornets in the ground? asks the captain. Others say the hornets stay in old dead trees in winter, but who ever saw hornets in a dead tree? again asks the captain, and these questions remain unanswered. And so all these years Captain Carlton's quest of the Winter resort of the hornets has been fruitless.

Had you thought about it and have you any idea where hornets stay in winter?

One who has looked into the matter says one hornet begins the work of building the big nests you sometimes see, such as Captain Carlton has in his office. After the one hornet starts the nest an egg is laid. When that is hatched more hornets are added for nest building, and so on until there is a colony.

Another thing Captain Carlton has thought about the hornets, is what they will do for material to make nests when the fences are all gone. The hornets gather from weather-beaten wooden fences, especially old rail fences, the material for nests. The rail fences have about disappeared—an old-fashioned rail fence being almost a curiosity; and soon wooden fences of any kind will be unknown, wire taking the place of wood for fencing. But doubtless the hornets are aware of this and are looking out for other material for nests.

Insurance Against Hail in Bulgaria.

American Minister John B. Jackson, Bucharest, Roumania.

There is at present, strictly speaking, no governmental insurance against loss of crops by hail and drought in Bulgaria. Until about two years ago there appears to have been some system of governmental insurance against hail, but none against drought, but by a law which recently went into force such insurance is now carried by the National Cooperative Bank, a State institution on the lines of the National Bank, for which an annual appropriation of \$120,000 is made by the Government for forming and augmenting a reserve fund. Insurance is not obligatory.

The country has been divided into 24 so-called hail districts in order to make the premiums conform more or less to the risks as computed from the statistical data of the past 15 years. The insurance covers 88 per cent of the losses occasioned by hail, and it is thought that for the past year nearly the whole of the reserve fund will have been consumed. The year was exceptional, however, and it is estimated that after the law has been in operation for a few years there will be a sufficient reserve fund to cover all eventualities. Should that fund prove insufficient in the meantime, there might be a proportional reduction in the amount of compensation paid for losses, or a loan might be made from the Agricultural Bank. I have been told that over \$2,500,000 of insurance has already been contracted for 1913.