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## THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

**Prof. Webb and Mrs. Green Capture Northampton Teachers—A Profitable Session.**

One of the most instructive and interesting Teachers' Institutes ever held in this county, or any other in the State, closed a two-week's session at Jackson last Friday.

From the very first day until the close the unusual interest which the teachers manifested was intense. Every teacher in the Institute joined most heartily and willingly in the different discussions which came up from time to time. The Institute was conducted by Prof. A. S. Webb, Supt. of the city schools at Concord, N. C., and Mrs. Pearl C. Green, principal of the Murphy School in Raleigh, where she has one of the best regulated schools in the State. Both of the above-named instructors had their work well in hand and it was obvious from the very beginning that both of them were well fitted to carry on the work which the State Board of Education had sent them out to do.

As a child falls in love with his teacher the first day of school, so, also, we believe that every teacher present very soon learned that rule, and by the end of the first day the instructors had won the love and respect of every teacher in the Institute. And this love and respect for them grew greater from day to day, so that by time the Institute closed we all felt very closely attached to Prof. Webb and Mrs. Green. All the teachers were thoroughly in love with the work and notwithstanding some days the hot weather was almost more than could be endured, the work went right on and no one was heard to complain.

During the two weeks nearly every phase of school life was touched upon. Some of the subjects taught and discussed by Prof. Webb were: "Every Day Problems in Teaching," a book to be read by the teachers the coming year; History of the United States, geography, arithmetic and sanitation. Mrs. Green specialized on the following subjects: Phonics, drawing, writing, spelling, reading, language, opening exercises, games and stories. She is one of the very best story-tellers engaged in this work, and it is a treat to listen to her tell them in her charming manner. Other topics which were discussed very freely by the instructors as well as the teachers were: Medical inspection of school children, malaria fever and typhoid fever. A very profitable hour was spent discussing the causes and prevention of some of the most common diseases which has been proved without a doubt can be prevented by simply complying with very simple instructions.

Let us hope that the hours of hard work which Prof. Webb spent showing us how a lesson in United States history, or Dodge's geography, should be presented will prove a very great help to all those who were so fortunate as to hear him. I don't see how any teacher can go back in the school room this fall and not teach these subjects more intelligently than ever before. And those who teach the primary grades are no doubt very anxious for school to begin so that some of the very valuable suggestions which were given by Mrs. Green may be put into effect.

While the Institute was in session, those who came in to help

in the work or to inspect the work were: Prof. Giles of McDowell county, Mr. Roberson of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Prof. E. E. Sams, Supervisor of Teacher Training, and Supt. L. C. Brodgen of the Department of Education. All of them had helpful suggestions to offer. By the help of these men, and the untiring efforts of Prof. Webb and Mrs. Green, and the hearty co-operation of all the teachers present, I believe it will be safe to say that no Institute in the State could have surpassed this one in any particular.

On Friday afternoon a little program was arranged and every teacher took an active part. The large court house was filled with visiting friends. The close attention which they gave was evidence enough that the exercises were enjoyed by those who were present.

All the teachers feel very grateful to our beloved Superintendent, P. J. Long, for his efforts to make it pleasant for all those who were present. And to the town people in general, do we wish to express our hearty thanks for the exceedingly courteous manner with which they seemed to regard us.

DAVID H. BROWN.

## Half Our Population Living in "Dry" Territory.

It is generally thought that Germany drinks more beer than any other nation in the world. This is a mistake. Germany comes second. The United States consumes 1,851,000,000 gallons of beer each year, which is a hundred million gallons more than Germany's consumption. Russia leads the world in its use of distilled liquors, and the United States comes second, with its consumption of 133,000,000 gallons. Although the United States is first as a beer drinking nation and second as a consumer of distilled spirits among the nations of the world, the liquor dealers of America are having a desperate fight for the life of their traffic.

The saloon has been expelled from one-half of the population and from two-thirds of the geographical area of the country. In 1868 there were 3,500,000 people living in territory where the drink traffic had been outlawed; in 1900 the number had increased to 18,000,000; in 1908, or only eight years after, the number had doubled to 36,000,000, and today there are 46,029,750 persons, or a fraction over one-half of the population of the country, living in no-license territory. In the last five years the no-license population has increased a little over 10,000,000, which is more than 10 per cent. of the total population of the nation and 80 per cent. increase in the number living in "dry" districts. Since 1868 the population of the country has doubled, while the number of inhabitants of "dry" territory has increased over thirteenfold. From "The Campaign Against the Saloon," by Ferdinand Cowie Iglehart, in the American Review of Reviews for July.

## Where Cattle Abound.

Australia has cows enough to give each man, woman, and child in the island continent three each, while Argentina can do even better—there are five cattle to each inhabitant in the big South American republic.—Our Dumb Animals.

The smallest children are nearest to God as the smallest planets are nearest the sun.—Bichter.

## LASKER NEWS.

General and Personal News Items Briefly Told for Busy Readers.

Mr. D. G. Britton went to Suffolk Monday on official business. Mr. R. E. Draper of Weldon left Tuesday, after having spent several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Draper.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Draper spent Sunday with relatives at Behoboth.

Mrs. Annie White of Rich Square was a guest in the home of Mr. J. J. Parker Thursday and Friday.

Misses Josie and Ethel Futrell of Jackson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Parker Thursday of last week.

Miss Lilla Edwards of Jackson spent the past week in the home of Mr. C. W. Draper.

Miss Eva Bryan of Rich Square returned home Sunday after having spent a week with her friend, Miss Clara Vaughan.

Misses Dora, Nellie and Jessie Spivey of Rich Square visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Elliott during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Barrett of Raleigh arrived Tuesday to visit relatives and friends here.

Misses Cora and Lina Maie Gray of Boykins visited in the home of Mr. C. W. Draper last week.

Mr. C. H. Lassiter of Norfolk is spending a vacation at his old home here.

Mr. Geo. A. Brewer of Littleton spent several days here during the past week with his aged mother, Mrs. F. C. Brewer.

The Sunbeam Society of the Baptist church will meet in the church next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All the members are requested to be present.

Mr. B. H. Parker, one of the hustling salesmen of J. J. Parker's big store, is enjoying a much needed vacation.

Mr. Stanley C. Draper, accompanied by his brother, Mr. R. E. Draper, of Weldon, left Tuesday for Ocean View, Elizabeth City and Roanoke Island where they will spend several days.

Mr. J. J. Parker received two car loads of fine furniture last week which is on display on the 3rd floor of his brick store.

Rev. D. Cale was assisted in conducting the services at the Baptist church Sunday by his son, Prof. W. H. Cale, of Hendersonville, N. C. He made an excellent address on the Baracophilathea movement just after Sunday School in the morning and delivered a thoughtful discourse at the preaching hour.

Mrs. J. S. Bryant left Tuesday for Newsoms, Va., where she will be for a few days.

The young ladies of the Methodist Sunday School met in the home of Mr. C. W. Draper last Monday evening and effected a temporary organization of a Philathea class. The permanent organization will be made next Sunday morning at the Methodist church. A large enrollment is expected.

Woodland and Jackson baseball teams crossed bats on the diamond in South Lasker Thursday afternoon. At first the game was close, but after the first few innings, Woodland gave way and finally went down in defeat by a score of 5 to 10. A large crowd was present.

The Epworth League and Sunday School Rally held at the Methodist church here last Thursday was a decided success in every particular. At every service there was a great congrega-

tion of Christian workers, representing every community in the county and many were present from the surrounding counties. The morning services were devoted to the discussion of the Epworth League, the afternoon was given over to discussion of the Sunday School and in the evening the Missionary Department of the Epworth League had charge of the services. Mr. B. F. Tennille, the Lay Leader of Northampton circuit, led the services throughout the day. The principal addresses during the day were delivered by Hon. T. W. Mason, whose theme was "Individual Activities of the Church" Mr. J. T. Flythe, who delivered a masterful Missionary address in the evening, Rev. W. B. North, Ph. D., and Rev. Ben Boone, both of whom made helpful addresses on the Epworth League. Music throughout the day was most excellent. On the whole, it was a day of great pleasure and profit.

## George News.

Misses Mary Joyner and Ruby Vinson of Murfreesboro are spending a few days with Miss Emma Lassiter.

Miss Emily Long of Pendleton is visiting Mrs. W. J. Brown and Mrs. J. Elwood Copeland.

Miss Anna Brown, who has had a very successful year as milliner for a prominent firm in Manning, S. C., came home Monday.

Mrs. J. Elwood Boyce and children are spending this week at Port Norfolk visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Mary Ann Jessup visited her sister, Mrs. Sarah Parker, near Eagletown Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. George T. Browne of Kelford was here the past week buying cattle.

Misses Ethel and Essie Spivey of Rich Square called on Miss Sallie Boyce last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Rossie Avery of Dover, N. C., is spending a few days with Miss Mayme Lassiter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jessup attended the closing exercises of the Northampton County Teachers' Institute at Jackson last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brown of Rich Square spent Sunday at George H. Parker's.

Messrs. John and Edward Timberlake lake Monday for a two weeks visit in and around Richmond.

Two more basket makers arrived the first of this week from Delaware. Mr. Dilks says that up to this time they have made at the factory about 125,000 baskets.

One of the heaviest rains that has fallen here this year, fell last Saturday morning between 9 and 10 o'clock. Up to this time crops were not suffering any from the wet weather, but now we fear that cotton is beginning to injure. However, if cultivated again very shallow, it will help the cotton in two ways. In the first place if it should turn off dry, it will hold moisture better, and if it should continue wet, the cutting off of a few of the roots will have a tendency to check the rapid growth and cause it to take on more form.

## Sunday School Picnic.

There will be a Sunday School Picnic at Bethany M. E. Church on Friday, August the first, to which all Sunday Schools are invited. There will be speaking by Sen. Garland E. Midyette of Jackson, and Ralph E. Parker of Lasker, Conn.

G. W. MARTIN.

## CIVIL-SERVICE EXAMINATION.

For Rural Carrier at Potecasi and Other Vacancies as They Occur in Northampton.

Jackson and Conway, N. C., August 23, 1913.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination on the date and at the places named above, as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a vacancy in the position of rural carrier at Potecasi, N. C., and other vacancies as they may occur on rural routes at post offices in the above named county, unless it is found to be in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement, transfer, or promotion. The usual entrance salary for rural carriers is from \$600 to \$1,100 per annum.

Age, 18 to 55, on the date of the examination. The maximum age is waived in cases of persons honorably discharged from the United States military or naval service.

An applicant must have his actual domicile in the territory supplied by a post office in the county for which the examination is announced.

The examination is open to all male citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements.

Application Form 1341, and full information concerning the requirements of the examination, can be secured from the secretary of the local examining board or the postmaster at any of the places named above, or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Eligibles on registers established prior to March 1, 1912, can be considered for appointment only at the office for which they were examined. Such eligibles may be examined within one year from the date of their former examinations upon filling applications showing that they meet the requirements of the new examination, their old eligibility for their home offices not being canceled.

Applications should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington. As examination papers are shipped direct from the Commission to the places of examination, it is necessary that applications be received in ample time to arrange for the examination desired at the place indicated by the applicant. The Commission will therefore arrange to examine any applicant whose application is received in time to permit the shipment of the necessary papers.

An eligible register for the position of rural letter carrier for each county will be maintained. A person must be examined in the county in which the post office that supplies his home is situated. As a result of such examination he may become eligible to appointment as rural carrier at any post office in such county. A rural letter carrier after one year's satisfactory service may be transferred to the position of clerk or carrier in a first or second class post office, to the position of railway mail clerk, or to other positions in the classified service, subject to such examination as may be required by the civil-service rules.

JOHN C. BLACK,  
President.

No impulse is too splendid for the simplest task; no task is too simple for the most splendid impulse.—Phillips Brooks.