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## COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE LAW.

An Act to Make School Attendance Compulsory--Age 8 to 12, Term Four Months.

In accordance with an order of the County Board of Education of Northampton county, the compulsory period of school attendance of all children between the ages of eight and twelve will begin this year on Monday, November seventeenth, the date of opening of the rural schools.

Following is the Compulsory Law, being chapter 173 of the laws of the General Assembly, session 1913:

Section 1. That from and after the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, every parent, guardian, or other person in the State of North Carolina having charge or control of a child or children between the ages of eight and twelve years, shall cause such child or children to attend the local public school in the district town or city in which he resides, continuously for four months of the school term of each year, except as hereinafter provided. This period of compulsory attendance shall commence at the beginning of the compulsory period of the school term nearest to the eighth birthday of such child or children, and shall cover the compulsory period of four consecutive school years thereafter. This period of compulsory school shall commence at the beginning of the school term of said school unless otherwise ordered by the county board of education or, in case of towns or cities of two thousand or more inhabitants, by the board of trustees of the public schools of said towns or cities. Continuous attendance upon some other public school or upon any private or church school taught by competent teachers may be accepted in lieu of attendance upon the local public schools: Provided, that said period of continuous attendance upon such other school shall be for at least four months of each year: Provided, further, that any private or church school receiving for instruction pupils between the ages of eight and twelve years shall be required to keep such records of attendance of said children and to render such reports of same as are hereinafter required of public schools. And attendance upon such schools refusing or neglecting to keep such records and to render such reports shall not be accepted in lieu of attendance upon the local public school of the district, town or city which the child shall be entitled to attend. Provided, the period of compulsory attendance shall be in force and apply between the ages of eight and fifteen years in Mitchell County."

There are some exemptions, which can be found in the Public School Law. The penalty for violating the provisions of the act is a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars, and upon failure of refusal to pay such fine, the parent, guardian, or other person shall be imprisoned not to exceed thirty days in the County jail. This act does not apply if the child resides two and one-half miles or more by the nearest traveled route from the school house; or in any case in which, because of extreme poverty the services of such child are necessary for his own support or the support of his par-

ents, as attested by the affidavit of said parents and of such witnesses as the attendance officer may require.

Other sections of the law will be published next week and the week after.

Very respectfully,  
P. J. LONG,  
County Supt. of Schools.

## Margarettsville News.

Messrs. J. G. Stancill, J. G. Bottoms and C. B. Vick were in Jackson Monday on business.

Miss Nellie Long, after spending the summer in Arizona, arrived Thursday to spend some time in the home of Dr. R. H. Stancill, much to the delight of her many friends.

Miss Lillian Pantom, Boykins, is the charming house guest of Mrs. Alma Railey this week.

Miss Iva Wheeler returned to her home, Roanoke Rapids, Monday after a week's visit with Miss Nellie Woodard.

Miss Elma Peele visited her home people in George Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bottoms, and Mr. H. P. M. Garriss and son Lloyd, attended the M. E. Quarterly Conference at Milwaukee, Saturday.

Miss Pattie Maddrey, Boykins, is a guest in the hospitable home of Mr. W. B. Boone.

The W. C. T. U. will hold its regular meeting at the Baptist church next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The President urgently requests all active members to be present.

Mrs. M. A. E. Garriss has returned from a two week's visit in Seaboard.

Mr. Guerbert Wheeler, Roanoke Rapids, spent Sunday with his friend, Mr. Raymond Woodard.

Mr. S. P. Britte of Severn was a caller in town Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Stephenson, Pendleton, spent the past week in the home of her brother, Mr. Edward Stephenson.

There were a number of visitors here attending the series of meetings at the Baptist Church last week, but the writer failed to learn all their names.

Mr. and Mrs. Revelle of Roemary are visiting relatives and friends here.

Little Miss Bessie Bottoms is able to resume her work in school after an absence of two weeks due to a very sore foot.

The series of meetings which were in progress here last week, closed on Friday night. We felt fortunate in having Rev. John F. Cale to assist the pastor, for his sermons were always full of thoughts and admonition which should cause each and every member of his congregation to stop and consider the foundation on which he is standing. As a partial result of the good realized from these meetings, there were three additions to the church by baptism.

## New Philathea Class.

On last Sunday A. M. Mrs. W. H. S. Burgwyn and Miss Eunice Pope met with class No. 2 in the M. E. Sunday School, South, and organized it into a Philathea class, with the following officers: President, Miss Elizabeth Brown; Secretary, Miss Martha Lassiter; Treasurer, Miss Clorine Parker; Teacher, Miss Eunice Pope; Committees: Social, Miss Lottie Bolton and Miss Bruce Griffin. Visiting: Miss Annie Rose and Miss Irma Joyner.

MARtha LASSITER, Reporter.

## ELIJAH'S STORY PROVED.

Scientist Says California Redwoods are Index to Past Climatic Conditions.

From the Kansas City Star.

The discovery that the big trees of California are an index to climatic conditions almost from the beginning of time has just been announced by Ellsworth Huntington, a government scientist, in a publication entitled "The Secret of the Big Trees."

In the growth rings of the big trees, the Sequoia Washingtonians, Mr. Huntington finds evidence that California suffered from the same drought that ended in Asia Minor when the prophet Elijah prayed for rain 870 years before Christ.

Famine afflicted Palestine in the days of Elijah, according to the biblical story. No rain fell, the brooks ran dry, and distress was prevalent all over the land. King Ahab sent for Obadiah and commanded him to "go through the land, unto all the fountains of water and unto all the brooks; peradventure we may find grass and save the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts."

Obadiah met Elijah on his journey and escorted the latter to King Ahab. Elijah prayed for rain and the famine was stopped. From this famine, 870 years before Christ, to the Sierra Nevada Mountains seems a long cry, but Mr. Huntington claims he has bridged the distance by growth curves on the trees.

The curves begin with the epoch of the Trojan war, about 1200 B. C. There both curves dip very low, indicating an epoch of sudden and severe desiccation. That particular period, historians tell us, was one of the most chaotic in all history.

The famine in the days of Elijah appears in both curves. Apparently at that time the climate did not become extremely dry, nothing like so bad as it had been a few hundred years earlier during the twelfth century, but there was rather a distinct falling off in the amount of rainfall, as compared with the uncommonly good conditions of the preceding century.

About 700 years before Christ both curves stand high in the day when the Greeks were laying the foundation of their future greatness and the empires of Mesopotamia were at their height. Then comes a pronounced falling off, with a recovery 300 or 400 years before Christ, another decline culminating about 200 B. C., and a recovery reaching a high point 50 B. C.

The time of Christ, the great era of universal peace under the sway of Rome, was apparently an epoch of favorable climate, a time of abundant rain and consequent good crops in all the countries around the Mediterranean Sea and eastward in Asia, as well as in California. Next comes a long period of decline culminating six or seven centuries after the time of Christ. No period in all history, save that which centers about 1200 B. C. was more chaotic, and that early period also appears to have been a time of greatly diminished rainfall.

## Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank the people of Murfreesboro and vicinity and especially Dr. Geo. N. Harrell for their kindness to us during the late illness and death of my beloved husband, Samuel D. Holman. His wife.

## Conway Locals.

Quite a number of the people here attended the medal contest at Milwaukee Friday night, also the Quarterly Meeting Saturday morning.

Miss Gertrude Holloman of Murfreesboro is spending this week with her friend, Miss Mary Vinson.

It was a great surprise to the people in this town last Friday morning when they heard that one of our town girls, Miss Kate Flythe, and Mr. Arthur Parker of Lasker were married in Winton the night before. Of course we were not much surprised when we heard that Mr. Parker's car was somewhat wrecked on one side, from taking a short curve.

Miss Gertie Gay of Jackson is visiting friends in town this week.

Mr. Charlie Draper is having the foundation laid for a concrete store in the North end of town.

Our assistant postmaster, Mr. Luther Johnson, left last Friday for Hobbsville where he will spend a few days with friends.

There was preaching at the M. E. church here last Friday night by Presiding Elder, Rev. R. F. Bumpass.

We are glad to report Mr. Edwin Earnhardt of Rutherford College, who has been very sick for some time, able to take up his school work again, also Mr. Paul Sykes of Wake Forest College is much better.

Messrs. Paul Garriss, Paul Traylor, Milton Flythe, Paul and Pierce Martin left Saturday for Norfolk where they will attend the Barnum and Bailey Show. After attending the show there Mr. Garriss will go to Richmond to attend the Fair.

Rev. W. B. Waff returned home Sunday from Margarettsville where he has been holding a revival meeting.

Mrs. J. T. Rice and Mrs. Milton Hedspeith spent a few days in Branchville last week.

Mr. Cecil Taylor of Gumberry is visiting Miss Ethel Bristow.

Misses Mary Harrell, Bashie Sykes, Ima Joyner and Mary Grant Griffin and Mr. C. H. Griffin of Woodland were in town Saturday.

## Murfreesboro Locals.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hedgepeth and took away their son Wayland. He was a member of the Baptist church and attended regularly.

The revival services have closed at the M. E. church. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. W. B. North of Jackson.

Attorneys Winborne & Winborne and L. J. Lawrence were in Winton Monday.

Mr. Richard Watson was in Winton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Sumner have returned from a visit to Garysburg. Their niece, Miss Taylor, came with them.

Mr. R. R. Vinson of Newport, R. I., visited his mother, Mrs. J. L. Wall, last Sunday. Mr. Vinson leaves on one of the U. S. Ships for Europe soon.

Mrs. E. F. Cooke and daughter, Miss Theresa, left Saturday for Greensboro.

Mrs. C. C. Lawrence is quite sick.

Mr. J. W. Hill, who has the rheumatism, is no better.

Mr. U. Watson is having his home remodeled.

Mrs. E. N. Deans was in Winton last week.

Miss James I. Griffin, who has been sick, is much better.

## FROM JACKSON.

Special School Election--Moonshine Distillery Captured--Cotton Rotting--General News.

There was a very small crowd here last Monday. The various county boards were in session but their meetings attracted but few visitors.

Last Thursday Sheriff Hinton L. Joyner went to Pleasant Hill township and captured a moonshine distillery, the first ever captured by a sheriff of the county, it is said. It was of about 60 gallon capacity. It was on the farm of R. A. Sledge, near his home, and Mr. Sledge was arrested about 50 yards from the still. He claimed to be ignorant of its location on his farm. He was placed under a two hundred dollar bond for his appearance at the term of our Superior Court. At the still were about two gallons of corn whiskey and two barrels of sour mash. The latter was dumped into the well. Parts of the still were brought to Jackson and cut up as the law requires. The amount of drunkenness near Sledge's home caused suspicion to rest upon him.

W. M. Wood & Co. have moved into their new brick store now nearing completion by J. N. Selden, contractor.

An election has been called in Jackson to vote on a \$5000 bond issue to pay off the indebtedness on the building and purchase more land for the school.

Mr. W. C. Sauls, who lives near here, and Mr. Junius Bradley of Seaboard, two old veterans of the war that ended nearly fifty years ago, were seated in front of the court house Monday talking about their war experiences at New Bern, Fredericksburg, Petersburg and Appomattox. These old men are fast passing away and the wonder is that so many of them remain to tell of the hardships endured and the fierce struggles engaged in half a century ago.

Farmers from all over the county tell the same story about cotton rotting in the fields, though it is worse in some sections than others.

Senator Peebles is in Raleigh attending the special session of the Legislature.

Mrs. G. P. Burgwyn and children returned home Thursday after a visit to Petersburg.

Miss Mabel Dixon of Weldon has been visiting Miss Daisy Parker.

Mrs. Charles Ehrhart and daughter Miss Dorothy Gay, spent the night in Lasker Friday.

Dr. W. B. North has been holding a revival meeting in Murfreesboro.

Mrs. H. R. Burgwyn and daughter have returned home from Tappahannock, Va.

Mr. James Lamb returned to his home in Charleston, S. C., after a few days visit in the home of Mr. R. O. Boone.

Little Misses Elma and Thelma Fleetwood entertained a number of their friends on their 10th birthday, Oct. 3rd.

Misses Williams and Calvert and Messrs. Moore and Taylor went to Warrenton Saturday on Mr. Taylor's automobile.

The October meeting of the Betterment Association will be held at the residence of Mrs. J. T. Flythe on Friday afternoon, Oct. 13, at 4 o'clock.

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