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COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE LAW.

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

(Continued from last week.)

Section 5. The county board of education in each county shall appoint and remove at will an attendance officer for each township to enforce the provisions of this act who shall serve also as taker of the school census, performing all the duties heretofore required of the school committee as to the census under section four thousand nine hundred and five of North Carolina, and as keeper of the attendance records, for which service he shall be allowed three cents per child of school age each school year. It shall be his duty to take an annual census and to furnish each superintendent, principal, or teacher in charge of school with an accurate school census of the district at the opening of the school each year, and also to furnish a copy of the school census of each district to the county superintendent of public instruction. The attendance officer shall serve written or printed, or partly written and partly printed notices upon every parent, guardian, or other person violating the provisions of this act, and prompt compliance on the part of such parent, guardian or other person shall be required. For serving such notice the attendance officer shall be allowed a fee of twenty-five cents in case of conviction, same to be taxed in bill of costs; and if any parent, guardian, or other person upon whom such notice is served fails to comply with the law within three days, then it shall be the duty of said attendance officer to prosecute such person. Prosecution under this act shall be brought in the name of the State of North Carolina before any justice of the peace, or police justice, or recorder of any county, town or township in which the person prosecuted resides. The attendance officer shall have the right to visit and enter any office or factory or business house employing children, for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this act; when doubt exists as to the age of a child, he may require a properly attested birth certificate or affidavit stating such child's age; he shall keep an accurate record of all notices served, all cases prosecuted, and all other services performed, and shall make an annual report of same to the county board of education. In the discretion of the county board of education, the attendance officer may be allowed reasonable additional compensation from the county school fund for such services as are required of him under this act, compensation for which is not specifically provided for herein: Provided, that in case the county board of education shall appoint a school committee or township constable as attendance officer, the duties of such officer herein prescribed are hereby declared to be a part of his duties ex officio: Provided, further, that the school committee or board of trustees of any school in any town or city of five thousand or more inhabitants, operating its schools under special character, is hereby authorized and empowered, if in their judgment such action is wise, to appoint an attendance officer for the schools under their direction, fix his compensation, and pay the same out of the special tax school funds of said town

or city, and assign to him other duties in addition to those enumerated above.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of all principals and teachers to co-operate with the attendance officers in the enforcement of this law. To this end it shall be the duty of the principal or teacher in charge in every school, in which pupils between the ages of eight and twelve years are instructed, to keep an accurate record of the attendance of such pupils; to render during the period of compulsory attendance of each school term weekly reports of same to the attendance officer and the county superintendent of public instruction, showing all absences, excused and unexcused, and, in the case of an excused absence, to state the reason for which the pupil was excused. Upon the willful or negligent failure of any principal or teacher in charge of any school to comply with the provisions of this section, the county superintendent shall deduct from his or her salary for the current month the sum of five dollars before approving the voucher therefor.

Crime Prevention.

(From the Wilmington Dispatch.)

A New Jersey judge the other day sentenced a young man, who drove an automobile while intoxicated, to thirty days' imprisonment. The reckless young automobile driver is of a prominent family, with lots of influential friends, but the law itself, not the court, "nailed him," as it allows no alternative in such a case. So the young man has commenced to serve thirty days in jail. While running his auto he crashed into a carriage, but it was the fact that he was intoxicated that brought about his arrest and sentence. Its a good law and every State should have one. It will rank among the great preventive laws of the day and the public mind is grasping the idea more that its prevention that counts most of all. The old saw about "locking the stable after the horse has been stolen" is being thought of in more than a trite way, and is producing fine results. Measures to protect health, to prevent disease, are being taken, and there is no reason why there should not be more attention to laws touching people criminally inclined. Of course, we have laws to punish criminals, thus setting examples for deterrent effect, and we have policemen to scare criminals away, but there are so many other laws that could be enacted that would prevent crime. The New Jersey automobile statute, relative to an intoxicated man driving a machine, is one of them. A man under the influence of liquor has no business trying to steer an automobile. Better arrest him for placing the lives of innocent people at risk than punish him after some one has been killed. Not only would such be better to protect the public, but would protect the drunken fool, as it is apt to save him from having to face a homicide trial and from staining his conscience with the blood of a fellow-man. And a law without the alternative of a fine is the thing. No man can unwittingly get drunk and drive an automobile.

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A GOOD PIECE OF ROAD.

Bertie and Northampton Good Roads Compared—Bertie People Invited to Come Over.

One of the prettiest pieces of road not only in this county, but in any county, is the two and a half or more miles leading from Ellis' store to the Heckstall place. Good and wide—twenty feet from outside to outside—elevated just enough in the center, not as much as some are, but apparently the right slope to run the water off and afford plenty room for a machine or buggy to pass another one comfortably and not creak so as to make one think he is going to be upset. In our opinion, it is an ideal road, and we especially wish to congratulate the Supervisor, Mr. W. T. Heckstall, and his efficient machineman, Mr. Lewis Pritchard. We do not exaggerate it when we say that, when this road dries off and is used awhile, it will almost be like a boulevard. It is ideal. Like most of the Bertie roads, Mr. Heckstall tells us, it is made out of the natural soil with about six or eight inches of sand spread over the clay.—Windsor Ledger.

If Bro. Kenney of the Ledger will come over in Northampton we will show him fifteen miles of road in Rich Square township built like the piece he describes, but instead of 20 it is 30 feet wide, and without any bridges, metal culverts 30 to 32 feet long being used in all ditches and streams. The six miles of sand-alay road between Rich Square and Woodland is nearly straight and where not straight the curves are long so that you can see a long distance ahead. In building our roads many of the crooks and bends that were made by trees falling across the old Indian trails have been eliminated. We earnestly invite Brother Kenney and other Bertie good roads people to come over to Rich Square and take a spin over our roads. There is a four mile gap between the Bertie line and our improved road but that will receive attention in the near future. Hertford county has furnished us some convicts and as many Hertford people travel over the Rich Square township roads in reaching the nearest railroad station the six roads that lead across the township to the Hertford line are being worked by the convicts first.

County Teachers' Association.

The first quarterly meeting of the Northampton Teachers' Association will be held in the graded school building at Jackson on Friday, the 24th, instant. All teachers are requested and expected to be present at this the first county meeting.

Teachers will hold themselves in readiness to take an active part in the discussion of the following practical subjects:

- I. The New Course of Study as Outlined in Bulletin VIII. Language, Arithmetic, History, Geography, Hygiene and Sanitation, Agriculture.
- II. Teachers' Reading Course for 1913-14.
- III. What Industrial Training can be Introduced into our Rural Schools?
- IV. How May we Teach Children to Think?
- V. Relation of the Teacher to the Community in Which she Teaches.

Time of meeting, 10:30 A. M. Teachers will please bring their lunch.

P. J. LONG.

Garysburg News.

Miss Sallie Oldham, a graduate of Meredith College, gave a very interesting recital at the school auditorium Tuesday night.

Mrs. J. A. Suiter and Miss Nancy Joyner spent Tuesday in Weldon.

Mr. Norfleet Robinson was in town last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Y. Self spent Wednesday in the pleasant home of Mr. J. W. Grant of near this place.

Mrs. J. A. Suiter and little son Overton visited in Emporia last week.

Mr. J. G. McNeal of Burgaw, N. C., was in town last week, guest of Mr. J. B. Collier.

Mrs. J. A. Hawks left last Sunday to spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. Edward Gay, Portsmouth, Va.

Mrs. L. M. Seal, after spending several with her sister in Virginia, returned to her home here last Saturday.

Dr. Boone and wife of Jackson stopped over Saturday night and Sunday at Garysburg Hotel.

Mr. Henry Garner, wife and daughter of near Emporia, spent Saturday night and Sunday at Garysburg Hotel, guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Collier.

Sheriff H. L. Joyner of Jackson was in town last week. Our people are always glad to see him and feel that he is on the job and looking after the best interest of our county.

Mrs. G. F. Rogers visited relatives in Tillery last week.

Dr. G. M. Naff and Mr. R. A. Ellis went to Richmond last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Pate and Mr. Oscar Powell attended the Petersburg Fair last week.

County Supt. P. J. Long visited our school last Friday. His lecture was helpful to the faculty as well as to the pupils.

The Ladies Parsonage Aid Society met last Wednesday at the pleasant home of Miss Lucy Ellis. Refreshments were served and greatly enjoyed. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. M. Y. Self, the date will be given later.

Mrs. K. R. Coggins visited her daughter, Mrs. T. A. Pate, last week.

Mrs. T. R. Ward is on the sick list this week.

Pleasant Hill News.

Mr. R. A. Moore spent last Saturday in Emporia, Va.

Miss Carrie Coker, Norfolk, Va., spent last week with friends and relatives here.

Mr. Dunham, Wilmington, N. C., is being entertained by his brother, Mr. J. M. Dunham, R. R. agent at this place.

Miss Mary Harris, Seaboard, on her return from Richmond, stopped over Saturday and Sunday with her cousin, Miss Aubrey Crew.

On account of the rain the attendance at Sunday School was very small last Sunday.

The public school will open here next Monday, the 27th. We trust that it will open with new hopes and new plans to do a better work for the education of our boys and girls than ever in its past history.

Miss Mattie Moore, one of our most promising young ladies, is teaching in Huntersville, N. C.

We are satisfied that our town will be well represented at the Emporia Fair this week.

Mr. Sydney Harris, Seaboard, was a visitor in town last Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Leadbetter held a series of meetings here last week. His sermons were deep and full of meaning. We must say we feel repaid for going out each evening and listening to such able and inspiring remarks.

FREE MEDALS FOR HIGH SCHOOLS.

American Humane Education Society to Encourage Angell Prize Contests in Oratory.

Our Dumb Animals.

To stimulate interest in the Angell prize contests in humane speaking, the American Humane Education Society has decided to offer its beautiful sterling silver medal to the winner of any such contest that may be held in any high school in the country, under these conditions:

1. The contest must be held under the direction of the principal or head master of the school, to whom alone the free medal will be sent.

2. There must be not less than six contestants, all of whom must be pupils in the school, who actually speak at the contest.

3. All the local arrangements, including the selection and services of judges, are left with the principal or head master of the school, but there must be not less than three judges approved by him.

4. The contest must be open to attendance by all the pupils of the school, and may be open to the public. Admissions may be charged if desired and the money used for any object preferred.

5. A written or printed program, giving the titles of all the selections and the names of all the speakers, must be forwarded to this office before the medal is sent.

6. Recitations may be taken from the book "Angell Prize Contest Recitations" or from any publication of the American Humane Education Society, including Our Dumb Animals.

7. Upon compliance with the foregoing conditions, and a request from the principal or head master of any high school, the medal will be sent by registered mail.

8. There need be no cost whatever, except where it is necessary to buy the recitations to be used by the speakers.

9. Later the American Humane Education Society will offer a gold medal, for which only those who have won the silver medals will be entitled to compete.

10. Address all enquiries and correspondence to American Humane Education Society, 45 Milk Street, Boston, Mass.

Jackson Locals.

Miss Rebekah Long, a student of Southern Female College, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Long.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Worrell spent Saturday and Sunday in Rich Square.

Rev. and Mrs. Francis Joyner are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Peebles this week.

Miss Lilla Edwards left Thursday for Bertie county, where she will teach.

Dr. and Mrs. W. B. North spent Saturday and Sunday in Lasker.

Mr. A. T. Howell, the new Baptist preacher, arrived in town Friday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Lister entertained the Baraca and Philaena classes of the Methodist church Wednesday evening. It was much enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Sue Delostach and daughter, Louise, went to Winton Wednesday to the burial of their uncle, Mr. C. N. Vinson.

Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Boone returned home Sunday.

The Betterment Association will give a Halloween party at the school building Oct. 30, 1913. Admission 15 and 25 cents.