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MR. FLEETWOOD COMES BACK.

Retracts Charges of Extravagance and Takes in More Territory—Includes Churches.

Editor of The Times:

A distinguished gentleman remarked in my presence once that you had better not antagonize an Editor, unless you wished to be covered up with printer's ink. Realizing my smallness, I hesitate to write again even upon so vital a question as our school, for fear of being put out of sight, and but for your reference to myself as having grown rich farming, I would not do so now.

Your statements as to myself betrays a great lack of information on your part, as to the real facts, hence I must say a little more. I have always paid my debts until now, kept up my farm, given my children the advantage of good school, not a complete course for all, it not being desired on their part; met my church obligations as best I could. Having been permitted to do this much, I feel that I have been blessed. I know of no farmer who has relied upon the tilling of the soil alone for a living, and discharged his duties in all the relationships of life who has gotten rich in material things, and that is the class of people I am trying to say a word for.

When I protest to extravagance in big places, whether it be the public school system or any other public enterprise, I feel that things are just themselves to the conditions after a while; but I fear it will be so slow coming about, that our people will become restless and proceed to bring about changes that might prove to be more hurtful than helpful. I have not forgotten the Marion Butler regime. In 1917, 1918 and 1919, we all became intoxicated, some became delirious. Most of us are sobering up considerably, but the school folks seem to be slow in sobering up; they seem slow to learn the lesson that was presented to all of us last September and each month since; they seem not to realize that a \$75.00 suit a year ago is \$35.00 now, 30 cent sugar is 9 cents, \$12.00 shoes \$6.00, \$14.00 flour \$9.00 and so on down the list of the necessities of life.

Then I think our public schools are afflicted with too great a number of meetings, both county and state, or general meetings. I think our churches are suffering somewhat with the same things. The good accomplished does not justify the expense incident thereto. I believe children ought to play a good deal, and that parents as well as teachers should encourage play, but there should be a limit somewhere. I can but feel that there is too much time and money wasted on plays of various kinds by our school folks. Parents who would be glad to train their children to work a little, and learn to be of some service and help, are not only deprived of doing so, but have to furnish money and buy unnecessary clothing, some of whom can ill afford to do so, in order that the youngsters may run all over the country and keep up with someone else.

There are too many items of expense connected with our public school system as now conducted, too great a per cent of our taxes are required for schools. Salaries are now too great, not for last year, and before, but now. It is useless to mention them in comparison with other things. I know you, my teachers

Pendleton News.

Mr. William Jones of Hamlet made a short visit to his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Long, last week.

Mrs. Gardner of Franklin, Va., spent several days last week in the home of her son, Rev. E. N. Gardner.

Miss Clara Edwards, who has been teaching in the graded school at Benson, returned home last Friday evening.

Miss Vernie Stephenson, who has been teaching in the Menoia school, returned last Sunday.

Miss Maie Horne returned last Thursday from Kings Mountain, N. C., where she has been engaged in school work.

Mr. Moore of Suffolk, Va., was a visitor in the home of Mr. D. K. Edwards last Sunday.

Mr. Harvey Vinson of Menoia was in town Sunday, visiting in the home of Mr. L. A. Stephenson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Miss Tom Long, and Mr. Joe Branch Jr., were visitors in the home of Mrs. Johnson's father, Mr. Story, near Murfreesboro, last Sunday P. M.

There were regular services at Roberts Chapel Sunday. Our pastor, Rev. E. N. Gardner, appears to be growing in popularity from the growth of our congregations. Our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. are also growing in attendance.

Mrs. Joe Collier, who has been quite sick for several days, is improving.

We are sorry to have to chronicle the death of one of our neighbors, Mr. S. S. Britton, on the evening of May 7th. He had been suffering some internal trouble some months and went to Lake View Hospital, Suffolk, Va., to be treated. An operation was made but not successfully. As early as possible he returned home and after about ten days of lingering illness, his soul passed away to that Great Beyond. His remains were laid away in the church cemetery at Roberts Chapel church, attended by a large gathering of relatives and friends. The funeral was preached by his pastor, Rev. E. N. Gardner.

The play, "Under the Blue Skies," presented by the Betterment at the school building last Friday night, was called a success. The crowd was not large owing to the rain, but those who did attend seemed to enjoy the occasion. The same play will be given in the Milwaukee Academy next Tuesday night, the weather permitting.

There will be a "Home Coming Day" for the present members and all who have ever been members of Roberts Chapel church at that church all day Friday Aug. 5th next, when all members are urged to be present and all past members are cordially invited. That church wishes to make it a happy day of renewing friendships, recollecting the past and taking on new determinations for the future.

Those that are qualified can't be had now on account of low salaries. That is so because they are spoiled like other people who became intoxicated with the boom in prices of everything, which has changed.

Mr. Editor, I have tried to diagnose the patient and prescribe the remedy in such doses as not to kill but keep alive in good healthy condition.

R. W. Fleetwood, Jackson, N. C.

Margarettsville Locals.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Garriss, son, Marcus, Miss Lois Monroe and Mrs. Nannie Bridgers spent a few hours in Boykins, Va., Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Lottie Howell of Seaboard visited her friend, Miss Bessie Bottoms, last week.

Misses Nannie Mae Long and Nell Grice of Elizabeth City are visiting Mrs. H. C. Bottoms.

Messrs. J. G. Bottoms and R. E. Taylor were in Weldon on business Friday.

Mr. W. C. Faison of Rosemary spent a few days here last week with friends.

Messrs. Knox Britton and Rufus Bridgers went to Roanoke Rapids Friday on business.

Mr. C. T. Bridgers of Ports mouth, Va., visited friends here last week and attended the commencement exercises.

Messrs. Alton Bottoms, Loyde Garriss, Misses Nannie Mae Long, Nell Grice, Lottie Howell, and Bessie Bottoms attended the ball game at Seaboard Thursday afternoon.

Miss Lois Monroe spent a few hours in the home of Mr. Andrew Britton of Galatia Wednesday afternoon.

Several of our people enjoyed the commencement exercises of the Galatia Graded School last week.

Mr. Ned Woodard of the U. S. N., is visiting his father, Mr. L. B. Woodard.

Miss Lillian Edgerton left Monday for Kenly after a week's visit with friends here.

Mrs. J. A. Lanier and son Genie of Creeksville spent Tuesday afternoon with her sister, Mrs. H. P. M. Garriss.

Mrs. J. H. Atkins and little son of Richmond are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Overby.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fleetwood and children of Jackson spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Britton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gay and two children, Mary Taylor and David, visited relatives in Jackson Sunday.

Misses Gertrude and Margaret Harris of Seaboard spent Friday night here with Mrs. Rosa Norvel and attended the commencement exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Faison of Rosemary spent the week end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Faison.

Mr. Garland Faison of the U. S. N., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Faison.

Mr. G. C. Revelle of Rosemary was a caller in town Sunday.

Misses Mary and Bettie Spence of Seaboard visited their cousins, Misses Gladys and Thelma Wade last week.

Mr. Lois Monroe has returned to her home in Sanford.

Veterinary Surgical Operations

By J. Howard Brown, D. V. M.

CROP BOUND

The crop of the domestic fowl is a dilatation of the oesophagus or gullet. Food remains in this organ eight hours and is acted upon by secretions. Obstruction of the crop comes from eating coarse indigestible material as hog bristles, small feathers, straw, potatoe peelings, etc. A low vitality of the bird may be responsible for the condition.

Surgical interference is the best remedy in these cases. Through a surgical incision the food is removed and by allowing only soft food for a week the fowl should be well.

Severn News.

Mrs. J. B. Stephenson, Mrs. J. J. White, and Misses Una and Evelyn White attended the meeting of the Betterment Association at Jackson last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Watson entertained Friday evening in honor of the 18th birthday of their daughter, Claire. Games were played and a Memory contest tested the accuracy of eye and brain of those participating. Miss Sabrina Holder won the prize. Cream and cake were served, and wishing the maiden many happy returns of the day the guests bade a lingering good-night and returned home.

Miss Beulah Watson entertained the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. church at her country home last Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Wm. Millar and son Paul of Rich Square were guests in the home of Mr. W. H. Howell Sunday.

Mrs. Verona Hoggard, who has been teaching at Whiteville, has closed her school and returned home for the summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Barnes gave a birthday supper to their son, Dudley, Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stephenson and Master John Hoggard were the invited guests.

Messrs. Clements and Moring Stephenson spent the week end at Pendleton with Master Randolph Stephenson.

Those in charge of the play, "Star Bright" are planning to take it to Seaboard Thursday night of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pruden and son, Billy, of Margarettsville spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Pruden's father, Mr. W. H. Howell.

Potocasi News.

Mr. W. H. Beale made a business trip to Pendleton Thursday morning.

Mesdames W. J. Baugham, F. C. Jenkins, and Euzelia Doffermire attended the County Betterment meeting in Jackson Thursday of last week.

Misses Annie Ray and Estelle Beale spent from Wednesday until Saturday with friends at Lasker and attended the commencement.

Miss Nell Joyner of Woodland was the guest of her cousin, Miss Lillian Joyner, several days the past week.

Mrs. Bettie Jenkins of Rich Square is spending this week with Mrs. D. Cale.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Liverman and children of Murfreesboro were Sunday afternoon guests of her sister, Mrs. Fannie Lassiter.

Mr. G. H. Joyner spent Sunday afternoon very pleasantly in Roanoke Rapids.

Mrs. G. D. Barnes and children of Severn spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. A. J. Harrell.

Miss Gertie Beale, who has been teaching at Lasker, returned home Saturday for the summer vacation.

Mrs. W. C. Beale and children spent Sunday afternoon with her sister, Mrs. J. T. Spivey, of Rehoboth.

Dr. and Mrs. P. G. Parker of Jackson spent Saturday night and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Parker.

The Senior Baraca and Philathea meeting will be held in the home of Misses Annie Ray and Cornelia Beale Friday evening at 8 o'clock. All members are asked to be present.

COUNTY BETTERMENT MEETING

Large And Enthusiastic Meeting Held At Jackson—Strong Addresses—Fine Dinner

Last Thursday was a rainy day, but it did not stop the Betterment women of Northampton from meeting at Jackson for a big county rally. There were between seventy-five and a hundred representative women from all parts of the county who met in the court house at the call of Miss Ethel Kelly, our very efficient county supervisor, and Miss McLawhorn, the able leader of home demonstration work in the county.

Miss Mazie Calvert, in a most appropriate manner made the ladies welcome to the historic county seat. Her style, her pleasant manner of delivery and her most charming personality made every one feel as if Jackson belonged to them for the time at least.

Mrs. J. B. Stephenson of Severn responded to the address of welcome in a pleasing, humorous way. She assured the people of Jackson that it was a pleasure to be in their beautiful old town.

Miss Kelly, who presided over the meeting, now made a most appropriate talk. She told the ladies present that it is impossible to have a good community without a good school. We must build up our own community. Rich Square is not responsible for what happens at Dusty Hill. We must all pull for our own communities. Friendly rivalry is all right. At the same time be interested in the progress of the whole county. She said there are over 2000 children of school age in the county. When one is not in school it is pulling down to the whole community. It is somebody's fault. She thought it was the fault of the teacher as well as the community. It is somebody's duty to see that all the children are in school.

Miss McLawhorn now made a few remarks in which she told the ladies of the great possibilities Northampton has. She urged the women in these strenuous times not to spend foolishly but wisely. She wanted them to see to it that they were provided with the best food in order that they might do their best work. She told something of what had been done in the county during the past winter in the way of selecting clothing, cutting out garments, hat making, cooking, etc. She thought her work was so closely allied with the Betterment work that one could not be interested in one without being interested in the other.

Miss Kelly now called for reports from the different Betterments in the county. The following Associations made most interesting reports: Conway, Woodland, Lasker, Potocasi, Jackson, Milwaukee, Severn, Rehoboth, Seaboard, Newtown, Mt. Carmel, Rich Square, McIver and Pendleton. These reports were exceedingly interesting and were a very helpful part of the program. The County Betterments made nearly \$4500.00 during the year.

Mr. G. W. Bradshaw, Supt. of Rich Square State High School, now made a splendid talk on the subject, "What the teacher expects of the Betterment." Mr. Bradshaw thought if the sole aim and purpose of a Betterment was to make money and spend it, the existence of it would not be justified. He was glad there was something bigger for them

Special Notice To Ex Service Men

Every ex-service man in Northampton County is urged to attend a meeting of the Northampton Post of the American Legion, Tuesday night, May 24th, at Rich Square. This meeting will be held immediately after the concert given by Vierras' Hawaiian Singers and Players.

Come, bring your friends, and enjoy a pleasant evening, as well as attending to business of importance to every member of the Post.

By the Commander.

to do. The cooperation of school and community which is made possible by such an organization is worth more than all the money they make and spend. No teacher or set of teachers can operate a successful school without the support and cooperation of the community. The Betterment largely represents the community. It is part of the Betterment's job to make a new teacher when she arrives feel like she is a part of the community. The Betterment can help the social life. It can ward off criticism. It can do more for the discipline of the school than the teacher can do. He urged the women to be boosters, to discourage community gossip and dissension. He told them they must not only be interested in the teachers, the school and the pupils, but that they must let them know they are interested in them. He said the parent's day program at the school and see what the boy and girl is doing. He also thought that there is no better way to work up school spirit than by encouraging wholesome, clean athletics in the school. Get behind the boys and girls and let them know you are behind them; it will make men and women out of them.

In the afternoon, Miss Svindeil, Home Demonstration Agent in Hertford County, made a short talk in which she told about the county council in her county and the wonderful things which this council, composed of a few of Hertford's leading women, has done for the betterment of home conditions existing there.

Miss McLawhorn, now in a few well chosen remarks introduced the principal speaker for the day in the person of Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, State Home Demonstration Agent. No woman in the State has done as much for the girls and women of North Carolina as Mrs. McKimmon has done and she is loved by thousands who have known her or felt her benefitting influence. Mrs. McKimmon, with her characteristic pleasant smile, rose to speak while the audience was still applauding. Her pleasing manner, her stately figure, her wonderfully remarkable personality made a fine impression on the audience at the very beginning and every one listened intently to every word she had to say.

Mrs. McKimmon began by urging the ladies present to see to it that their husbands had the proper kind of food and also that it was properly prepared. She told them not to let their husbands look as if they were practiced upon. She thought it a sad thing to see a young man go through school and college and train himself for life's duties, and then marry a girl who has neglected the proper training which every girl should have. She asked the ladies if they were seeing to it that their girls were

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