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FACTS ABOUT NORTHAMPTON COUNTY ARITHMETIC STATUS--FUNDAMENTALS

In this discussion the fundamentals of arithmetic refers to addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division through common and decimal fractions. Reference is not made here to the ability of children to solve problems.

1 In 1924 in the fundamentals of arithmetic the fourth grade in the three largest schools—Woodland, Rich Square and Seaboard was on an average one year behind the national average; the fifth grade was one year and three months behind the national average; the sixth grade was one year and three months behind the national average; the seventh grade was one year and five months behind the national average. In other words the grammar grades in the fundamentals of arithmetic alone were on an average of one and a half years behind the grade they were working in.

Figures are not available for the state average in 1924.

2. In 1927, three years later eleven schools in Northampton County used standard measurements. This year the third grade of all these schools was on the average equal to the fifth grade in the three largest schools in 1924 and was half a year ahead of the fourth grade in these largest schools in 1924; the fourth grade in 1927 was one month ahead of the seventh grade in 1924; the sixth grade in 1927 was one year and seven months ahead of the seventh in 1924, and the seventh grade in 1927 was two years and six months ahead of the seventh grade in 1924. In other words, so far as the fundamentals of arithmetic are concerned all grammar grades from 4-7, in half the schools of the county are from one month to two and three fourth years better prepared than the seventh grade in three of the largest schools was in 1924.

3. In 1927 Northampton County's arithmetic fundamental ability was as follows in grades three to seven: The third grade was two months behind the average for the third grade of the state and three months behind the average for the nation; the fourth grade was six months ahead of the average for the fourth grade of the state and five months ahead of the average for the nation; the fifth grade was four months ahead of the average for the state and two months ahead for the average of the nation; the sixth grade was four months ahead of the average for the state and three months ahead of the nation; the seventh grade was two months ahead of the average for the state and one month ahead of the nation. In other words all grades except the third had fundamental arithmetic ability on an average of two to six months better than the average for the state and nation. Paying particular attention to arithmetic should and did make us better than the average.

4. These results were brought about by teachers using standard measurements to help them diagnose the weaknesses of their classes and giving intensive remedial measures to help overcome the weaknesses during the session 1926-27

Church Announcement

Rev. W. B. Waff, of Mocksville, N. C. will preach at Jackson Baptist Church, to-night, (Wednesday) at 7 o'clock. Everybody invited.

SEABOARD NEWS

Bradley and Harris ginned the first bale of cotton September 21, a week later than the first bale last year. The bale belonged to Mr. Andrew Crocker, who received from the firm according to their custom, the ginning fee for first bale. The weight was 450 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Taylor and daughters, Lillian and Mrs. S. V. Edwards, and Mr. S. V. Edwards visited friends in Durham and Chapel Hill Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith and children, Portsmouth, were the week end guests of Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kee.

Miss Julia Blanchard, Woodland, arrived Sunday and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Julian Morgan.

Miss Selma Bradley will leave Wednesday for E. C. T. C., Greenville, to resume her studies.

Professors Earl Andrews and C. G. Maddrey, Lewiston, were week end guests of Mrs. R. M. Maddrey.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Harris and daughter Elizabeth and Miss Dorothy Maddrey attended the Wake Forest and U. N. C. football game at Chapel Hill Saturday.

Mrs. Bettie I. Pruden and daughter, Mrs. R. L. Moore, and her children, R. L. Jr. and Mildred Lee, spent Friday at Vulture, guests of Mrs. Wm. Vincent.

Miss Marguerite Maddrey of Weldon high school faculty spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. R. M. Maddrey.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Waynick and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bolden, Reidsville, were week end guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Crocker and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jones.

Miss Edith Warrick delightfully entertained forty of her little friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Warrick, Wednesday afternoon in honor of her seventh birthday. Several games were played after which cream, cake and mints were served. She received many useful gifts.

Mr. John Morgan, of Elizabeth City, spent Thursday here with his sister, Mrs. D. P. Harris.

Mrs. M. F. Long returned home Sunday after a few days visit to her daughter, Mrs. Emmett Cuthrell, Norfolk, Va.

Miss Florence Yates arrived Tuesday after a two month's visit to her sister, Mrs. Mary Woodlief, Kittrell, N. C.

Mrs. Edward Cowan, Powellsville, spent several days here the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Long.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barbee and daughter Nancy spent the week end in Durham guests of Mr. Barbee's brother, Mr. Clyde Barbee, Misses Parker and Green of Seaboard High School faculty accompanied them and spent the week end with their respective parents.

Miss Ida Long returned home Sunday after a two week's visit to her sister, Mrs. Emmett Cuthrell, Norfolk.

Mrs. J. R. Bradley and daughter Selma, Mrs. J. T. Long and daughter, Mrs. Edward Cowan, spent Friday in Rocky Mount shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Harris, Mrs. Mattie Gay and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barbee spent Thursday in Norfolk shopping.

Mrs. Bertha Drewitt, who was operated on at Roanoke Rapids hospital a few days ago, is still critically ill.

Mr. J. T. Maddrey and family

Parent-Teachers Meeting and Entertainment for Teachers

The regular monthly business meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association, of Jackson, will be held Thursday, October 6th, at three P. M. in the Jackson school building. This will be a vital meeting as our plans for the year will be discussed and the 1927-28 program will be submitted to the society. Lets enroll and pay our annual dues (\$1.00) at this meeting so that this fund can be used for improvements for our school this year.

All members of the association are urged to come and all who are interested in improving conditions affecting child life in our community are asked to join now. We cordially invite the patrons who live in the country to affiliate with us. Let's make this the best association in the county. It's up to us to be interested in our children's schooling. We are. Don't fail to come, Thursday, the sixth.

After the business is over the society will have an informal reception for the teachers and refreshments will be served in their honor.

Seaboard High School News

The senior class entertained the members of the high school faculty at a delightful weine roast at Slagel's Mill, Va., last Wednesday evening.

Chapel exercises for the next three weeks will be in charge of the grades and departments of the high school. Patrons of the school are invited to attend these exercises.

The Boys and Girls Athletic Associations will start a contest next week to secure equipment for the Athletic Association. We are asking every patron of the school when approached by the boys and girls to make a small donation, if possible. A great deal of money is needed for the athletic equipment and this money cannot be secured without outside help. Practice on the basket ball court will start October 10th.

"The First Year" by Frank Craven will be presented at an early date by the Dramatic Club. "The First Year" is a real stage success, having played on Broadway for a long while.

On Monday, Sept. 26, 15 minutes of drill was required of all students from the first through the eleventh grades.

were dinner guests Sunday evening of his mother, Mrs. R. M. Maddrey.

A series of revival services will begin at Seaboard Baptist church Sunday evening, Oct. 2nd, at 7 o'clock and will continue throughout the week at the same hour. Pastor D. P. Harris will do the preaching.

Mr. Matt R. Stephenson arrived Monday after spending the past six weeks in Raleigh.

Misses Elizabeth and Sarah Grant spent the week end at Garysburg, guests of Miss Elizabeth's parents.

Miss Ida Matthews, a student of Chowan College, was the week end guest of her father, Mr. J. W. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Brett, of Portsmouth, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Willie Barnes.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church rendered a special "State Mission Day" program at the church last Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Herbert Harris presided and a very interesting program was rendered.

Roxobel-Kelford High School To Make Attendance The Aim

One of the chief aims for this year of those interested in the progress of the Roxobel-Kelford High School, is or should be, to make the average daily attendance for the year, as high as possible. This refers to the attendance in both the elementary and secondary grades. For the high school, we must attain an average daily attendance for the entire session, of forty-five, in order to meet one of the requirements of a state accredited high school; for the elementary school we must attain an average attendance of 240, to meet the state's requirements for eight teachers in those grades. We have enrolled forty-six pupils in the high school, and 264 in the first seven grades.

The time to begin work on our attendance is now. During the past two weeks, we have had good attendance. I know that some of our pupils will have to stop to aid in harvesting the crops. May I call on every one interested in the school to aid in improving the attendance, to do his full duty, and even more than his duty? May I make these suggestions? Let all pupils up to ten years old attend regularly unless providential hindered. These cannot aid much in harvesting the crops; let the older and larger pupils, who have to stop, come to school every day that they can. This will enable them to keep up better with their school work, and to improve the attendance. Every day a pupil is absent retards his school work, and the school's progress.

If the absent pupils will send in daily their written school work, then this will enable them to keep up partly with their class. The entire faculty will be glad to cooperate with the farmers in this way.

In the past some of our pupils have had to be absent continuously for two or three months. This is a serious hindrance to the pupil's school work. Upon his return, he realizes how far behind he is, becomes discouraged, and probably gives up hope of doing his school work. If the pupils must be out this session, parents, do let him return in two or three weeks. This will enable him to aid in the busiest harvesting. If he is kept out till the entire crop is gathered he cannot make his grade.

Patrons and friends of our school, this is a very important session. We are ambitious for our school to succeed this year. We must do all in our power to further the school's progress. The school "expects everyone of its patrons and friends to do his duty."

D. P. MCCAIN,

Jackson Parent-Teacher Association To Hold First Meeting Next Monday

The first public meeting of the Jackson Parent-Teacher Association will be Monday night, October 3, at 7:30 o'clock, at the school building. The program will consist of a one act play entitled, "Washington's First Defeat," given by members of the faculty. We want every patron and member of the community present. A prize of one dollar is offered to the room having most parents present at this meeting. Parents, help your child win the dollar for his room. The program is free, given for your enjoyment, so come out and help to boost your school by working with the P. T. A.

REPORTER,

JAMES HARTWELL LIVERMON

Mr. James Hartwell Livermon died at his home in Roxobel Saturday evening, Sept. 17th, 1927.

He was a son of the late Hartwell and Martha Vick Livermon, and was born in Roxobel Township, Bertie County, where he spent his entire life. He passed the eighty-second mile post on life's journey on Sept. 10th, thus being eighty-two years and seven days old.

In young manhood he married Miss Sarah Saddler, of Roxobel, and from this union three children now survive, Misses Mattie and Sallie Livermon of Roxobel and Mrs. A. V. Cobb, of Windsor, R. F. D. His second marriage was to Miss Maggie Lamberson, of Roxobel, and two children survive from this union, Mr. Marion Livermon of Charlotte, and Miss Maggie Livermon of Roxobel. He also leaves two brothers, Mr. A. T. Livermon of Roxobel, and Dr. A. C. Livermon of Scotland Neck, and one sister, Mrs. J. J. Jilcott, of Roxobel.

Mr. Livermon confined his business activities to farming all his life. Besides operating his farm at Roxobel, he owned and cultivated a large farm on the Kelford-Lewiston road some two miles from Kelford. While always busy with his farming activities he could find time to enjoy some of the pleasures and recreations of life, his favorite past time pleasure was hunting. He took a deep interest in church and school work. He was a member of Sandy Run Baptist church and for many years a member of the local school board of his town.

In politics he was a staunch Democrat and always took a hand in the campaigns. He was a hard worker for his favorite candidates, but fair and just in the most minute degree to his opponents and when the battle was over, he was ready to shake hands and make the choice of the majority, his choice.

As a neighbor and friend, he was unexcelled, ready at all times and under all circumstances to extend a hand to those in need. He was popular with all classes and numbered his friends by the hundreds.

His familiar figure and cordial greetings will be missed, but the reflection of his life will live in this community until those who knew him shall be no more. As his remains lay in state in the home, his casket was covered with the most choice flowers, placed there by friends and loved ones, in token of their esteem for him whom had been their friend.

The funeral services were conducted by the grave side on Sunday afternoon by his pastor, Mr. Shepherd, assisted by a former pastor, Mr. Powers of Republican, and Dr. Burrell, of Murfreesboro. The body was laid to rest in the family burial ground on the Jilcott farm. The active pall bearers were selected among his nephews, Messrs J. T. Judson, R. W., Paul, Hugh, and John Jilcott, and R. H. and J. P. Harrell. The Honorary pall bearers were, T. S. Norfleet, Dr. P. C. Jenkins, J. W. Wimbrow, John E. Tyler and L. C. Hedsbeth, of Roxobel; Geo. T. Browne, W. R. Browne and W. P. Harrell, Kelford; L. F. Garris, Murfreesboro, and Judge F. D. Winston, Windsor.

The Roanoke-Chowan Fair will open at Woodland next Tuesday, and continue until Friday night.

MEETING FOR PEANUT GROWERS IN JACKSON, ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

We are hoping that a very large crowd of peanut growers and business men in Northampton County will be present for a meeting to be held in the Court House at Jackson on Monday, October 3rd, at 1:30 o'clock.

It is expected that Dr. C. C. Taylor, of Agricultural and Engineering College, Raleigh, N. C., will be present to speak at this meeting and there is no doubt but that his address will be most instructive and interesting.

It appears that there is a growing need for consideration as concerns the 1927 crop of peanuts, as the prospect is for an unusually heavy production.

It is urged that peanut growers from all parts of the county be present for this meeting and that they will bring others along with them.

Jackson High School Dramatic Club Reorganizes; Officers Elected

The Jackson Dramatic Club met Tuesday, September 20, and elected officers for the year. They were as follows:

President, Marjorie Fleetwood. Vice Pres., Garland Midyette. Secretary, Ann Joyner. Treasurer, Allen Downum. Stage Director, Kate Turner. Lighting Direct. LeRoy Taylor. Costume Direct. Edna Martin.

The Club had its first meeting Friday night, September 23, and important plans for the year were decided upon. The first public program will be three one-act plays given Friday night, Nov. 4.

Following business session an instructive program was given after which the chairman of the initiation committee took charge and new members were admitted.

The enthusiastic members with Miss Margaret Irby as director, are going to make this year the greatest in history of Jackson High School Dramatic Club work.

TALK ABOUT A GOOD MILK COW

If you want a good milk cow be good to her, give her a good home and give her good food and pure water to drink, also give her a good warm place to sleep in cold weather and be kind to her while milking. The better the master the better the cow always.

Mr. S. A. Grant, of near Lasker, this county, sold a milk cow last week that he raised from a baby calf that now is about 14 years old, and for the last nine years and six months she has given milk every day. She has not been fresh in nine years and six months. She was still giving milk when he sold her. She was not a thoroughbred, just common stock, but had a good home and the same one to milk her all the time. Her name was Rose and from her record we think she was entitled to the name.

She was a family pet and always kind and gentle. The only cause for her being sold was she was not giving very much milk for the last few months and was in extra good condition for the market.

We believe this to be one of Northampton's records for a cow.

Another Report on Boll Weevils

County Farm Agent E. P. Gullede was in Rich Square Tuesday and in answer to questions stated that boll weevils can now be found in all sections of the county, but the damage is not as great where they appeared late. It is his opinion that should we have a wet June and July next year they will do still greater damage.