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## Local Man Suggests Solution of School Problem

There is one question just now that is interesting the people of Albemarle as is possibly no other. This is our city graded school. The capacity was filled and then some before the burning of the old building a week ago. Now, of course, as we all know, we are "up against it" good and proper. There must be something done to remedy this situation. The people of the town realize it and the School Board knows it. It is time for the citizens and the school board to commence to discuss these matters together, as friends and neighbors interested in a common cause. The News-Herald representative approached a leading citizen of the town Wednesday and asked him to state his views on the situation, and the following in substance, is what he had to say:

"The recent burning of the Graded School building brings forcibly to the attention of the people of Albemarle the pressing needs of our schools. It has been known in a general way that the school rooms were congested with an overflow of students, that one section of the first grade has been forced to attend school in the morning and the other section in the afternoon, that the auditorium is being used as a class room, and that some classes are much too large to be properly handled by one teacher. But the average citizen has not really stopped to ask why. The reason for this condition of affairs has now come to the light, and the people know, or should know the actual situation. The population of Albemarle has simply outgrown the school facilities of the town in the past few years. The School Board learned this some time ago, but the board has been helpless to remedy the situation. It has no funds with which to construct new buildings. Moreover the high cost of the building material and the scarcity of labor has made it prohibitive to construct any kind of building for the past three or four years. All this while the population has continued to increase. In the meantime conditions have demanded considerable increase in the salaries of teachers and all operating expenses of the school have greatly increased. So that now the income from taxes is not adequate to pay the salaries of the Superintendent and teachers and pay the running expenses of the school. With the personal endorsement of its own members the school board has secured the funds to erect a home for the Superintendent and to install a heating plant.

"All the people of the town are interested in the welfare of the school. If they are not they surely should be. Something must be done, and be done right away, and the people as a whole must do it.

The present plans of the school Board contemplates the restoration of the old building with some changes, and this work will be rushed as rapidly as possible, in order to accommodate the children early in the year. This will provide eight class rooms. In addition to this the Board is arranging to add four rooms to the old building during the coming spring and have them ready to occupy at the opening of the school next fall. All these rooms are really needed at the present time, consequently only present needs will be relieved by the addition of these four rooms. Something must be done for the future requirements.

To take care of future needs the Board proposes to purchase another site at some convenient location. The present site is not large enough for any other buildings. In fact the present site does not provide adequate playgrounds for the children under present conditions. Another building would take practically all the playground. On the new site it is proposed to erect a modern building big enough to care for the schools for several years.

"But the accomplishment of these plans will call for money. By reason of added improvements and the high cost of building material and labor the insurance money collected for the recent loss will not be sufficient to replace the old building. So funds must be provided for the construction of the four new rooms that will be soon in course of construction. More funds will be required to purchase additional land and a considerable sum will be necessary to construct the contemplated new building. The people must provide some money, some way, if they want the will be soon in course of construction, so there you are. It's something for the citizenship of Albemarle to think about. It's a problem they must solve. There's no way around it. The children are not getting a square deal, and cannot, until the people provide funds to construct the necessary buildings and furnish those buildings with proper equipment."

## CULP CASE IN HANDS OF JURY

As we go to press the case of State vs. George Culp, a first degree murder case is in the hands of a jury of twelve men who are deliberating upon the life or death of the defendant. The case was concluded at 11 o'clock Thursday morning when Judge McElroy finished his charge and left the case with the jury. The News-Herald held off going to press for two hours, hoping to give the news of the jury's verdict, but the jury seemed to be taking its time with the case. A night session was held Wednesday when most of the attorneys for the state and defendant addressed the jury. Solicitor Brock made the last speech Thursday morning.

Briefly the evidence against the defendant, Culp, was to the effect that on the night of the killing in question, July 18th last, the defendant came to the home of the deceased, James Sides, and having been in a drunken condition proceeded to curse and use vile and slanderous language in the presence of the wife of the deceased. That the deceased ordered the defendant to hush talking about his wife or leave. That the defendant answered that he would not leave until he got ready, whereupon Sides who had retired for the night, got up and went into the room where the defendant was and again insisted that he get quiet or leave, and that the defendant got out his knife and cut Sides to death. The defendant's evidence was to the effect that Sides and other members of his family were trying to rob him (the defendant) that Sides had a pistol drawn on him at the time he cut him and that he slew the deceased in order to save his own life, or in order to save himself from the infliction of great bodily injury. In other words, the defendant made out a case of self-defense, if his evidence was true. The state's witnesses were corroborated by circumstantial evidence, and the defendant was corroborated to some extent by one Mr. Sides who was present at the Sides home on the night of the killing. The defendant was represented by Attorneys R. L. Smith and G. D. B. Reynolds, while Solicitor Brock was assisted by County Solicitor Hal C. Turner, I. R. Burleson and Brown, Sikes & Brown.

The case created a great deal of interest not only in Albemarle, but throughout the county, and everybody is looking forward with interest to the returning of the verdict by the jury.

The box of the Japanese novelties ordered by the Woman's Club will be ready for sale on Saturday from 3 to 5 o'clock at the club room. These novelties make attractive Christmas gifts. Come early and get your choice. The box is something similar to the one ordered last year.

## DEATH OF LITTLE BABY.

The death of little Zemenna Lucile, seven weeks old infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ren W. Lowder, Saturday, November 20, was one of the saddest incidents to ever occur in West Albemarle. Mrs. Lowder had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Lowder, and was on her way to Mr. C. L. Hatley's when the baby died. The remains were placed in the Salem cemetery Sunday afternoon. The bereaved parents have the deepest sympathy of many friends.

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## NEWSY LETTER FROM TOWN OF NEW LONDON

Happenings in Little City and Prize Winners in Recent Community Fair.

### SHELTON B. IVEY HOME

New London, N. C., November 24.—Mr. Shelton B. Ivey, who has been in the Signal Corps of the United States Army for the past ten years, and having received an honorable discharge in September, has accepted a position with the Atlantic Coast Line Railway in Savannah, Ga., and has gone there to take up his work.

Mr. W. P. Ivey, of Florence, S. C., was with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ivey several days the past week.

Miss Lottie Will Ivey, who is teaching at Lowell, N. C., is expected home for Thanksgiving with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pennington are visiting with friends and relatives in Lexington and Thomasville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Ritchie spent Sunday with friends in Davidson Co.

Mr. H. C. Trott of Wilmington was a guest Friday and Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Trott.

Miss Mildred Spencer and Bud Kauffman of Badin were week-end visitors with Miss Edith Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Napier and Marie Ross of Badin spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Broome and Master June Broome of Peachland were here for the day Sunday with Mr. F. E. Reeves and other members of the family.

Messrs. Wade and Leroy Ivey of Concord were at home with their parents Sunday.

The congregation of the M. E. church are much pleased with their new pastor, Rev. J. W. Strider. He preached an excellent sermon Sunday on the subject: "What Shall We Render unto the Lord for His Benefits to us?"

The nice new bungalow of Mr. Henry Culp is nearly completed. He expects to have a housewarming and move into it before Christmas.

Mr. H. C. Hall of Badin spent the day Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Hall.

Miss Bessie Harris of Norwood was at home with her parents this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Huckabee, Misses Ellen and Alice, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. John and Miss Fannie Harris Sunday afternoon at eve.

News has reached us of the serious illness of Mrs. Mary Crowell Choat, of Huntsville. She is the youngest daughter of Mr. Henry Crowell, niece of Mrs. W. M. and H. C. Ivey. She was brought up here, and has a number of relatives and friends who will be sorry to hear of her critical condition.

Mrs. Clause, of Kentucky, mother of Mrs. Sullivan, arrived last Thursday and will be with her daughter during the winter.

Rev. J. F. Kirk of Salisbury spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Shellie Howell of Albemarle, Mrs. John Howell of Concord and Miss Lelia Howell of Charlotte spent a short while with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hall Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Ennis Staten of Wake Forest is at the home of his brother, M. T. V. Staten, for the Thanksgiving holidays.

The following is a list of names of those who received prizes for best and second best exhibits at the Community Fair held at New London on November 12, 1920. If anyone has been left out who is entitled to prizes, please report to Miss Lottie B. Ivey, New London, N. C.

Sweet peppers, Mrs. Zeb Moss, 1st. Beans, M. D. Dry 1st, and second. Oats and Hay, Albert Morris.

Peas, Robert Brooks, 1st. Corn, C. C. Brooks.

Irish potatoes, M. D. Dry. Soy Beans, M. D. Dry.

Peaches and Apples, Mrs. B. J. Smith 2nd.

Canned cherries, 1st, Mrs. W. N. Lefler. She also took second prize on cut flowers, 1st on blooming plants, second on peas and second on collards.

Miss Jewel Elliott took first prize on beans, second prize on fig preserves, second prize on canned peach-

## MRS. SHAVER FINDS A GOOD LIBRARY HERE

Says That Library in Community Building is a Credit to Town.

### COURTEOUS TREATMENT

Dear Editor:—

I just want to tell the people of Stanly county what a splendid library I found upstairs in the Community Building last Saturday. I am ashamed to say that that was the first time I ever "took time" to visit the library in Albemarle. By the way, I joined the Library Association so I could secure some of those North Carolina histories as well as the United States histories that politicians quoted so frequently in the late campaign.

Mrs. Sikes, the librarian, stated that she was anxious to have the country people join the Library association and she immediately showed me just the book I wanted and took my dollar, too.

I found the books of the same class as those in the Carnegie library in Greensboro, except in number.

For three years I spent part of my noon hours in the Carnegie library in Greensboro. At that time the business girls had no Y. W. C. A. to loaf in during the noon hours. I also made it a practice to read at least two books each month, therefore I greatly miss these books when I came to Stanly. In fact, I missed them more than my old friends whom I had forsaken to become a resident of this county.

The Carnegie library at Greensboro threw its doors open to the country women only a few weeks ago. I am glad that the Albemarle library association is giving the country women an opportunity to join it in its infancy. I sincerely trust that the country people will take advantage of this great opportunity to improve their education.

Several ladies in Albemarle stated to me that they would be only too glad to lend their card to any one who desired to obtain a book but did not care to join the association just at this time. I borrowed a card for three years and I am not ashamed of it.

LULA S. SHAVER.

es, 2nd prize on canned pears, and first prize on kraut.

Mrs. C. A. Crowell took first prize on pimento peppers and second prize on blackberries.

Omie Austin took second prize on kraut.

Mrs. Tom Kirk took second prize on pear preserves, second prize on peach preserves, 1st prize on cucumber pickles, second prize on beet pickles, second prize on peach pickles, first prize on grape jelly, first prize on apple jelly, second prize on damson jelly, first prize on loaf cake, second prize on both apple and grape jelly.

Mrs. George Thompson took first prize each on canned peaches, canned okra, canned tomatoes, canned grapes, canned pears, and second prize on the soup mixture.

Mrs. Henry Ivey took first prize on the largest and best pumpkins.

Mr. B. E. Coggin took first prize on sweet potatoes.

W. T. Crowell took first prize on molasses.

R. A. Huneycutt took first prize on molasses.

G. K. Shaver took first prize on collards.

W. M. Ivey took first prize on peas, second prize on pop corn and first prize on red pepper.

Mrs. Eva Morris took first prize on apple butter.

Mrs. R. W. Ivey took first prize on watermelon rind preserves, mixed cucumber pickles, lima beans, sweet pepper relish, canned corn, coconut pie, and butter, and second prize on mince meat and sweet potatoes.

D. W. Henderson took first prize for the best mule colt and second for best sweet potatoes.

J. M. Elliott took first prize each on onions, wheat, red peanuts, popcorn, turnips, cabbage, and second on sweet potatoes, rye, and pumpkins.

Mrs. W. T. Crowell took first prize on peach pickles.

Bessie Brooks took first prize on

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## BRIEF NEWS ITEMS OF STATE WIDE INTEREST

Digest of Happenings of Week Gleaned From the Files of Our Exchanges.

### NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

Mexico City, November 24.—President-elect Harding will stop at Vera Cruz en route to the United States from Panama unless unforeseen circumstances prevent, said a statement issued at the Mexican foreign office last night.

Washington, November 24.—Russian soviet authorities estimate that the unemployed in this country will number 5,000,000 by the end of the year, and two representatives of the third Internationalists have been sent to organize soviets here, according to official advices from Moscow.

Raleigh, November 24.—More men have applied to the United States employment Service here for work within the past month than in the past six months, according to Mr. W. F. Beasley, assistant director of the service in this state, who declared yesterday that there is a well-defined movement of the unemployed into North Carolina from both the North and the South.

Albuquerque, N. M., Nov. 24.—The Hugh A. Carlisle Post of the American Legion last night adopted resolutions protesting against the action of Governor O. A. Larazalo in pardoning yesterday sixteen Villistas from the State Penitentiary at Santa Fe, where they were serving terms for murder in connection with Villa's raid on Columbus, N. M., March 9, 1916.

Sanford, Nov. 24.—The congregation of the Steele Street Methodist church and the entire community are rejoicing over the fact that Rev. W. R. Royall has been returned to his pastorate here for another year. Mr. Royall came to this charge four years ago from Fayetteville. It is understood here that Mr. Royall was the only member of the conference who was sent to a charge this year for the fifth consecutive year.

Geneva, Nov. 24.—Projects for an international staff, proposed by Leon Bourgeois, of France, at the Versailles Treaty, and rejected there, were reviewed yesterday in a prolonged discussion regarding the reduction of armaments.

M. Bourgeois first of all declared that the carrying out of the Versailles Treaty must be assured before disarmament was possible. He declared that in order to make that treaty effective, some military organization such as he had proposed at the peace conference was required.

### EDGEVIEW NEWS.

Farmers are through sowing wheat in this section, and a fairly good crop has been sown.

Grandma Morton has been quite sick, but is improving at present.

A large crowd attended the moving picture show at Aquadale Saturday night.

Miss Carrie Scott, of Maxton, is visiting in the home of A. A. Mauldin for a few days.

Martin Tucker and family have recently moved into this section, we are glad to have them with us.

Crawford Mabry visited in the home of Walter Greene Sunday.

Miss Verona Bost who has been working at Albemarle is at home at present with her parents.

John Ray Greene, who for the past few months has held a position in Virginia is spending the holidays in the home of his parents.

Miss Nola Reap spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Reap.

Farmers are looking a little long-faced over the 15c cotton, but with plenty of fresh meat and hominy and plenty of good wood it looks like they ought to feel mighty well, prepared for winter.

Several of our pupils are attending other schools of this section. Don't see why. They have a good school and a splendid teacher.

## GRAND JURY RENDERS A FAVORABLE REPORT

Finds Various County Institutions in Good Order and Commends County Agents.

### COMMENDS THE SCHOOLS

The Grand Jury which served at the criminal term of the Superior Court finished its work on Wednesday and made its report. The report makes interesting reading, and reflects credit upon our officials. Especial mention is made of the Farm Demonstration Agent and the Home Demonstration Agent, and they are recommended for their work.

The following is a complete copy of the report:

"We, the Grand Jury, respectfully submit the following report to His Honor, Judge McElroy:

"We have visited the Jail, the Chain Gang, the County Home, and various County offices.

"We find the records of County offices in good shape and well kept.

"We visited the County Home and made inspection of buildings and the farm. The old wooden buildings are being replaced with modern brick structures, work is progressing very well. We recommend, however, that owing to the fact that cold weather is drawing near, that the completion of these new buildings be pushed ahead with all possible haste, in order to have more comfortable quarters. We find that considerable quantity of water gets into the basement of both the new buildings, and we recommend that this matter be looked into by the County Commissioners. We further recommend that the old bedsteads being used in the old buildings be replaced with more sanitary iron ones as soon as the new buildings are ready for occupancy. We find that the County Home has plenty of corn and meat to do them until a new crop is made. Farm conditions appear to be in good shape.

"We find the jail in good shape except a few small repairs to windows. Prisoners are well treated and well fed.

"We find conditions good at the Chain Gang, prisoners are well taken care of.

"We wish to commend the Highway Commissioners for the building of the good roads in the county. We recommend, however, to these Commissioners that, if they have not already done so, to formulate some business method for the maintenance of the Highways of the County. It is our sincere wish that the mistakes made by some other Counties allowing their roads to go to pieces for lack of proper maintenance will not be repeated by our county.

"At the invitation of the County Superintendent of Public Instruction, we have visited by committee some of the city and rural schools of the county, with an idea of placing the problems of the rural schools before the public. In the city schools we find splendid buildings, modern equipment and school terms of eight and nine months, while the boys and girls on the farm must attend schools lacking in these improvements and with shorter terms. In order that the country children may have equal educational opportunities, we urge a greater educational interest on the part of the people in the rural schools. We further endorse a summer term that will increase the country child's advantages, and yet meet the seasonal need of the farmers.

"We wish to commend the County Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Farm Demonstrator and the Home Demonstrator for the efficient work being done in the county.

"We have passed on all bills coming into our hands from the solicitor to the best of our knowledge.

J. C. BOSTIAN, Foreman.

### MEETING OF FIVE HUNDRED

On Tuesday afternoon the Five Hundred Club held its regular meeting with Mrs. Wilcox Brightwell. The home was attractively decorated with cut flowers and evergreens in shades of red and green. After the club program was carried out, a delicious salad course was served which consisted of Biltmore salad, cinnamon bars and marguerites, followed by hot tea.