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WHAT MAKES A CAPABLE SCHOOL **TEACHER?**

The new basis of certification of teachers for the public schools of North Car olina seems to be laid in two considerations, one is that the teachers shall have attended some certain college during their academic days and the other some accredited summer school.

The capacity of a school teacher, is, of course, largely dependent upon collegiate education and collegiate education is itself in a measure dependent upon the sort of a college attended, but even this lacks a great deal of constitut-

The News has formed no precipitate opinion about the issue of \$2,000,000 in bonds for road-improvement in Mecklenburg county. It has, on the other hand, exercised its right to study the proposition carefully and withhold its judgment until a satisfactory scrutiny had been made of the project; and it has endeavoured to reach a decision upon the facts of the situation, relieved of prejudice and every other influence that might alter a calm verdict.

THE NEWS FAVORS ROAD BOND ISSUE.

. We have reached the conclusion that the only way that the people of Mecklenburg county will be able to provide themselves with the sort of good roads which they must have is by means of this bond issue.

No analysis of the method of direct ad valorem taxation shows up as favorably as a nanalysis of the bond issue.

It is possible, of course, to build and pay for hard-surfaced roads by means of immediate taxation, but it is unthinkable that the tax-payers of the county can afford to go down into their already hard-pressed pockets at this time for a sufficient amount of money to build \$2,000,000 worth of permanent roads. The burden would be greater than they could bear and beaucoup jack. Still others say you greater than they should be expected to bear.

The bond proposition, on the other hand, provides a method by which rhyme, I think that he who spends the county can avail itself of the necessary funds now, by the use of the credit his time in learning knowledge that of its people, and the payments for these roads can be distributed out over a period of 30 years. Thus, for a minimum annual amount, the roads can be built now without imposing undue hardships upon the tax-payers of the county.

The News is, furthermore, influenced in its decision not only because one in fifteen scores eat their chow the bonds appear to represent the best financial strategy, but also because it believes that the people who are to populate the community within the coming years and the new property and new wealth to be created ought cold and cruel! Its slow fires burn to have a share in the payment for an improvement from which they will so immediately and so vastly profit.

Taxables in Mecklenburg have been increasing rapidly, practically at the rate of 10 per cent for 20 years. (We speak, of course, of new taxables, not of old property given a higher valuation.) It is easy to estimate 'that if comes Smith and Moore. Says Smith, the future taxables to be accumulated in Mecklenburg county mount up even

to the extent of a fraction of the past average increases, before these bonds will have been refunded, there will have been as much new property under tax-One year 1.50 ation as there is now. This means that the future will help the present share in the cost of this improvement, as it should do, if it enjoys with us the great advantages of good roads.

> Our understanding is that the people of Mecklenburg county are in favor of good roads, decidedly and overwhelmingly. We know they are. Unhappily, the bond project has been presented at a moment when conditions argue against them. Sentiment in the ruralside is against the bonds because the people of the county are hard-pressed by unfortunate circumstances. They are, therefore, not to be chided for their present attitude of opposition. It is natural

that they should be opposed to anything that suggests a larger taxation falling spends his spare time well will reach upon them at a time when they are already burdened with high assessments and increased taxes and at a time, also, when deflation of values on their products has all but laid them prostrate. In such a plight, the farmers think they can not afford the cost of good roads.

The News believes, however, that the situation more really suggests is that they shall in the future attend that the county and these particular citizens of the county, the farmers, can, not afford the cost of the sort of roads we now have. The most immediate

agency for lifting the whole country upon a higher plane of agricultural and industrial prosperity and independence is the hard-surfaced highway. A com- armistice had been signed in the meanplete system of such roads in the county will change the entire aspect of the outlook for Mecklenburg county and the benefits will be most directly en-

joyed by these very farmers while their friends in the city bear the major How Helene Maxine,



Some say success is pluck and luck luck in finding fools to pluck. Others say it is the knack of holding to the work the trick if you can get a job and stick. But, if you will excuse the he needs is he who does the greatest deeds.

What do most men do at night? Well, some see shows, some get tight, some play cards, some turn in, some shoot dice, some play "skin." scarcely

and stay indoors. That's the reason that they fail, and walk around with gloom and wail, "Oh, this world is with human fuel!"

We see results now every day of men who throw their time away. Absent-minded, minus sense, the conversation they dispense is filled with humor to the core. For instance, here "Know Jones, that Georgia bum?" "No!" drawls Moore. "Where's he from?" Now Smith is absent-minded, too. He turns to Moore and blurts "Who?" Then two young ladies out. chance to meet and shake hands on the busy street. Says one, "My goodness! Are you here?" "Why, yes!" comes back, "Are you, too, dear?" Such things happen all the time. It's no exception in this rhyme. The reason is that half of us had rather raise some cain and fuss than stay at home in sheltered nooks and dig some knowledge from good books. Luck in finding fools to pluck is no doubt just a pile of muck, for he who the top, so sages tell.

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THREW OUT FIFTY CASES.

Greenville S. C., April 8 .- The Federal grand jury here Thursday threw out about fifty cases charging violation of the selective service act, in which the men had been notified to eport to the local board in November, 1918, but failed to do so because the

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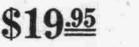


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ing every requirement for a capable teacher.

denominational college,- but received in that institution training which eminently fitted them for teaching in the public schools. It is not always necessary to go to some great University to become qualified to live, move and have

a being. Not all the great scholars qualified to hold their jobs attended the University or the Greensboro College or a few others held in such esteem by the educational officials of the State.

And yet, forsooth, because some school teachers did not go to some certain college and get their certificate of graduation, the State board holds a grade of certification in the public schools as some others. Their long experience as teachers is disregarded; what they have already demonstrated in the way of fitness for school duties is laid aside. They rise or fall upon this little arbitrary, whimsical detail of whether or not they chanced to graduate from some one institution.

Coupled, however, with this requirement is the summer school attendance mandate.

We don't imagine that the school teachers mind this so much and as a matter of fact, they ought to be required to keep themselves in mental trim for their work, even though it may not suit the purpose of some of them to trek off every summer to some school established for their benefit.

The greatest fault in the lately announced plan of the State school officials lies in the grading of teachers upon the basis of what college they graduated from, to the utter exclusion of their experience as a test of their qualification for teaching.

It is not a matter to be wondered at therefore, that the school teachers of North Carolina, who are just beginning to be treated decently in the way of salaries, should rebel against such arbitrary and capricious rulings as these.

The reduction of \$30 a month in salary which so many of them must accept under their reduced gradings will simply drive them out of the school rooms and add to the long list of those already gone another militant group of men and women who are qualified to teach, but who are not qualified to stand the whimsical tests imposed by State flats.

Col. Ike Meekins, a friend of former his taxes should go down in proportion Senator Marion Butler, has been given and the only way to get his taxes down a federal appointment. He got it, how- was to bring his assessment down. ever, not because he was a friend of Thus, therefore, there has been cre-Mr. Butler, but in spite of it. Mr. ated not merely a sentiment in favor Morehead's endorsement was necessary of a reduced valuation, but a necessity almost, if the tax books are go

cost. The farmers can figure it out for themselves. Their property outside of For instance, some of the best teach- Charlotte township is assessed at aproximately \$31,000,000. The property in ers which a community may have at- Charlotte township is now assessed at \$109,000,000, just about 3 1-2 times

tended some small college-perhaps, a more than the property of the farmers. This means, of course, that the people of Charlotte township, will pay about 70 per cent of the \$2,000,000 of bonds or to be more exact, they will pay \$1,400,000 of the entire cost of building the roads. AND EVERY FOOT OF THESE ROADS WILL RUN THROUGH FARMING PROPERTY, thereby, most directly benefitting the farming population

The News is not unmindful also of the resentment that is generally felt of America went to Yale or Princeton over the method adopted by the legislature of handling future road-building. or Harvard, neither have all the school It feels as outraged as any citizen in the community, but when we come to teachers in North Carolina who are face a great economic problem, such as this is, we must in charity and for the common good, lay aside our prejudices and passions and let our convictions and our sense of duty have the right of way.

Mecklenburg county must have better roads; it must have roads as good as those in any other county in the State. We are entitled to nothing less than the best and we may as well make up our minds that to get what we so sorely need and what we most imperatively must have, we will have to foot the bill. And the bond method is the easiest, most expedient and althat they are not entitled to as high together most satisfactory process before us for providing the funds.

> W. C. DOWD, President and General Manager. News Publishing .Company.

RECALLS THE TIME

MR. HARDING TAUGHT

wrought great changes-the

REVALUATION STANDS.

No matter what the Mecklenburg

board of commissioners may do in the Boulder, Col., April 8 .- The cheery way of assessment reduction, or what smile that greets callers at the White the commissioners of any other or all House in Washington these spring days is the same that beamed upon the counties, for that matter, may do his pupils when Warren G. Harding with it, the principle underlying the was a country schoolmaster in Ohie in revaluation act stands out unimpaired. the early 80's, according to Mrs. Sarah This is the principle of putting all the E. Wright of this city, who attended district school taught by the new property of the state on an even basis, president of the United States. of "making the tax books tell the "The school was a mile and a haif truth" as former Governor Bickett was from Marion, Ohio, and was known as the 'Little White School.' Mrs. Wright pleased to put it poetically.

said here. "But the mutations of time In many counties of the State the ashave sessment under this act was too high. schoolmaster is now president of the not merely because of any arbitrary inited States and the schoolhouse has een converted into a garage. opinion which boards of assessors exer-"Mr. Harding was about 18 years cised about it, because, unhappily, the of age then," Mrs. Wright continued assessment was made when values had 'He was a handsome young fellow, tall, reached their peak. Assessments in this of erect bearing and cheerful.

"I recall that my younger sister county were too high, almost extravstayed out of school one day after she agantly high in spots, but it was be- had committed some breach of discicause the assessors sought to carry out When we persuaded her to re pline. turn the following day Mr. Harding the law and register property for what asked her why she remained away its owners believed it to be worth. from her lessons. She said she was The assault which has been launched afraid she would be whipped against this assessment in North Caro-'Oh, I couldn't whip a little girl ike you,' Mr. Harding said, with a

lina hasn't touched the basic principle beam of kindness on his face. yet, if, indeed, it was ever aimed at it. The protests poured in volumes when values began to drop and deflation was setting it. It was obvious, under such

circumstances, that the valuation placed on properties while at the zenith of their worth could not stand. The farmer, for instance, who saw his cotton go down 50 per cent below the cost of its production naturally argued that

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"We all loved him then, and I guess

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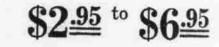
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