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THE BOYS CORN CLUB.

William Harry Wins First Prize on Field and Leroy Blackwelder Wins Best Prize on Report.

The contestants in the Boys Corn Club Contest met Saturday afternoon in the court house and the prizes were awarded to the various winners. Prof. J. A. Schaub, of the Department of Agriculture, was present and delivered an interesting and instructive address on corn culture. The following were awarded prizes:

William Harry, first prize on yield, 24.5 bushels, Chattanooga plow, given by Ritchie Hardware Co.

Leroy Blackwelder, 28 1-2 bushels, first prize on report, saddle by Yorke & Wadsworth Hardware Co.

Homer Ritchie, 48 bushels, second on yield, \$5.00 by J. F. Dayvault.

William Holland, 47.4 bushels, third on yield, \$5.00 in goods by White-Morris & Flowe Co.

Willie White, 41.9 bushels, fourth on yield, hat, H. L. Parks & Co.

Robert Scott, 28 bushels, second on report, pair of shoes by The Concord Times.

The following were the contestants: Homer Ritchie, William Harry, Robert Scott, Willie White, William Holland, Leroy Blackwelder, Craig and Pratt Higgins, Joe Shinn, Jan s Menius, Lester Fisher and Caleb and John Barnhardt.

The following is the report of Leroy Blackwelder, the 14-year-old son of Mr. Asa Blackwelder, of No. 11 township, which was awarded first prize:

I give you a record of my acre in corn for last year. I was fourteen years of age. Did all the work myself, except help in breaking an old gathering. Land has been under cultivation seven or eight years. It is a sandy loam soil with a red clay subsoil. This land was in wheat in 1909 and made about four bushels to the acre. Was broken the ninth of March five inches deep. Soil good condition. Harrowed seventh of April, soil dry. Bedded with disc ninth of April, soil dry. Eleventh of April plowed furrows in the middle with a two horse center shovel, soil dry. Also hauled manure, three and a half loads of 30 bushels to the load and strewed in middle. Plowed two furrows in on manure and planted on those furrows. Planted fifteenth of April sixteen inches in drill. Rows 4-1-2 feet apart. Soil good condition. Planted with Marlboro Prolific and used 50 pounds 8-3-3 guano at planting. Had a medium stand. Replanted fourteenth of May, soil good condition. Cultivated twenty-sixth of May, soil dry. Cultivated second of June, soil dry. Ninth of June run around and put in 40 pounds of muriate of potash and 160 pounds of Acid Phosphate and broke middle, soil good condition. Tenth of June hauled 2-1-2 loads, of 30 bushels to the load, of manure and strewed in the middle. This was when corn was about knee high. Cultivated twenty-first of June, soil good condition. Windstorm thirteenth of July, which blew down about one-third of it. Cut at ground and shocked fourteenth of September. From time of planting until time of cutting had twenty rains, four short droughts, which fired it nearly to the ear in some places. It was plowed one time, harrowed one time, cultivated five times, used 40 pounds Muriate of Potash, 56 pounds 8-3-3 and 160 pounds sixteen per cent. Acid Phosphate, total number of pounds 256, which cost \$3.20. Manure cost \$6.00 and counting my time at 10 cents per hour and 5 cents per hour for the horse's time would make the total cost \$32.67. Yield 28 1-2 bushels. Value of crop at a dollar per bushel \$28.83. Cost per bushel 79 1-2 cents.

LEROY BLACKWELDER.

With the Sick.

Mr. R. M. Boger, of No. 10 township, is critically ill with pneumonia.

Register of Deeds J. B. McAllister has gone to see his brother, Mr. Robt. McAllister, who is seriously ill at his home in Mt. Pleasant.

A message was received this morning from Statesville saying that the condition of Mrs. Guffy is considerably improved. It was stated that an operation would not be performed unless her condition gets worse.

We regret to note that Mr. John Suther is quite sick at his home on Church street.

County Teachers' Association.

The County Teachers' Association held its regular monthly meeting at the Central graded school Saturday.

Prof. J. A. Bivins, of the Department of Education, was present and delivered an excellent address. As usual the meeting was attended by a large number of the teachers of the county.

Various phases of educational work were discussed and many profitable and interesting points relating to school work were brought out in the discussion.

Miss Esther Parker, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. D. Maness, will return this afternoon to her home at Belem.

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SERVICE AT COUNTY HOME.

Rev. W. L. Hutchins Preached There Yesterday—First Service in Three Years.

Rev. W. L. Hutchins, pastor of Forest Hill Methodist church, conducted religious services at the County Home yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. We are informed that this is the first time service has been conducted at the Home in three years. If this is true, it is a regrettable fact. A few of the inmates are able to walk to Olivet church nearby, but the majority of them are afflicted and are unable to attend services except when conducted at the Home.

Mr. Hutchins made a most appropriate talk on the words, "For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." It was a message of comfort to the unfortunate ones, and was given to them in a plain, forceful and direct way that touched their hearts and the hearts of the other hearers present. Mr. Hutchins spoke of the great trials and misfortunes of Paul, his being shipwrecked, beaten with stripes, thrown into prison and of his ill treatment in many ways. In spite of all these he was able to exclaim: "For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." The lesson was thus forcibly brought home to his hearers, and the message was listened to with close attention.

At the close of the short sermon Mr. Jesse Barnhardt led in an earnest prayer, and after a song was sung the service was concluded.

Mr. Ira Wineoff, the new keeper of the county home and his good wife have improved things wonderfully there, and they would do still greater things if the county authorities would place the means at their command. The buildings need whitewashing, and this would not add immensely to their appearance but would do much toward cleanliness and the promotion of better health for the inmates.

Southern Cotton Mill Man Looks for Better Times.

Sunday's New York Sun contained the following:

L. W. Brander, who is a manufacturer of table damask and mercerized goods at Concord, N. C., said yesterday at the Waldorf that while the cotton mills of the South had been suffering from poor business, he thought there were evidences of a coming revival, though it hadn't got to the point where the mills had begun to benefit.

"There are twelve cotton mills in Concord," said Mr. Brander, "and one of them is the largest towel manufacturing plant in the world. No colored labor is employed, for the reason that experiments in that direction proved unsatisfactory. We get our best labor from the mountain districts of North Carolina."

"The South is supplanting New England in the manufacture of coarse cotton goods, and it is not because Northern capital has come in and taken hold for local people have taken up the industry. The farmers of the State have made a great deal of money in the last few years, but what they have acquired has not begun to seek the usual channels of business as yet; since it is being used to pay off mortgages and to buy more land. The Southern farmer is now employing more scientific methods than ever before, and now practices rotation of crops. I think that the increased production of cotton that is bound to come in the South will be from raising more cotton to the acre rather than from increased acreage."

Birthday Surprise Party.

Mr. C. A. Cook was delightfully surprised by a number of friends Friday night, who called at his home en masse to greet him on his 51st birthday. The party brought refreshments and several delightful hours were spent. Mr. Cook's unexpected guests were: Mr. and Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Wolf, Misses Eleanor Norman, Laura Ridenhour, Pearl Barrier, Irene Krider, Lola Sappenfeld, Sallie Castor, Maude Virginia Brown and Vernie Blume; Messrs. W. C. Correll, V. L. Norman and Kay Patterson.

Death of Little Ruth Williams.

Jesse Ruth, the two and a half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Williams, died this morning at 3 o'clock at their home on Franklin avenue, after an illness of only a few days of laryngitis. The remains were taken on No. 36 to East Bend, Yadkin county, where the interment will be made. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have the sincere sympathy of all our people in this sad bereavement. The remains were accompanied by Rev. S. N. Watson and Mrs. W. L. Hutchins.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Stone has returned from Tillman, S. C., where he has been for two weeks on a hunting expedition.

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SCHOOLS CONTRIBUTE TO BILL NYE FUND.

The Public Schools Outside of Concord Contribute \$55.25.

Prof. Chas. E. Boger, county superintendent of schools, hands us a report of the amounts contributed by the public schools of the county on February 22 to go to the building of the Bill Nye Memorial building at the Jackson Training School. The report makes a fine showing and not only the city of Concord but the county of Cabarrus hold the banner for the highest contribution so far made for this purpose. The following is the report from the various country schools:

Elementary School, Rocky River	\$2.00
Howells	1.75
Young-Hartsell Mill	1.00
Pink	1.04
Rimer	2.66
St. Johns	1.90
Rocky River Annex	.78
Patterson Mill	3.79
Barrier, No. 9	.79
Litaker, No. 11	.75
Wineoff	1.53
Kannapolis	7.50
Mt. Pleasant	6.18
White Hall	2.00
Rocky River High School	2.50
Gilwood	1.00
Pitts	1.35
Fisher	1.51
Cold Water	.69
Harrisburg	1.51
Cruse	2.64
Bethpage	1.05
Gilead	.80
Coddle Creek	1.10
Pine Bluff	.50
Plunkett	.25
Georgeville	1.00
Barrier, No. 5	.70
Petrea	.75
Patterson, No. 4	.80
Hahn	.65
Peck	.60
Poplar Tent	2.00
Eastfield	.19
Total	\$55.25

Cabarrus' Teachers and Her Able Superintendent

One of the very best informed teachers in the county and a man that has been attending teachers' meetings in the county for fifteen years said that the meeting here Saturday was the very best Teachers' Meeting that he ever attended.

Professor Bivens complimented the teachers on their splendid showing and asked how Mr. Boger was able to get his teachers out and he was told that the teachers of the county didn't have a bit better sense than to do just what Charley Boger asked them to do. Mr. Bivens replied: "That explains it, for Cabarrus county has one of the very best superintendents in the State and I do not face a finer body of teachers anywhere than I meet in Concord." Your correspondent remembers that a man who knows every county superintendent in the State personally, told him less than thirty days ago that our county superintendent is not surpassed in the State.

Mr. Shepard to Go to Lexington.

Mr. James Shepard has returned from a short business trip to Lexington. Mr. Shepard went to Lexington with a view of locating there and after looking over the field carefully he decided to open a ladies haberdashery in that city. Mr. Shepard and his mother, Mrs. M. M. Shepard, together with Mr. R. K. Black, organized the firm of Black & Shepard, the original ladies store of the city, and were associated with this firm until the first of the year, when Mr. Shepard disposed of his interest to Mr. Black. Mrs. Shepard and her son have made many strong friends during their residence in Concord and their going away is a matter of general regret here.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepard will engage in a similar business and the town of Lexington is to be congratulated on their acquisition.

Bingham Deas Residence Destroyed by Fire.

The residence of Mr. Bingham Deas, in Dublin, just outside the city limits, was destroyed by fire last night about 10 o'clock. The fire originated in the kitchen and at the time all of the family were sleeping. They were awakened in time to get out safely, but all of the household effects, with the exception of one bed, were consumed by the fire. The fire alarm was turned in and the department responded but the house was several hundred yards from any water connection and the blaze had gained such headway that the firemen were helpless. The loss is about \$300 with a small amount of insurance.

Mrs. P. T. Durham will return this afternoon from a visit to Charlotte. Mr. Durham, who preached in Charleston yesterday, will return home tomorrow.

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MILLIONS WANT BREAD.

Advices from China Indicate Great Need—American Red Cross Anxious to Aid in Halting Grim Destroyer.

Recent advices from China indicate that conditions in the famine districts are as bad as have been rumored and are growing worse as days go by. Two and a half million Chinese will die for the want of bread if assistance is not rendered immediately. This number comprises nearly the entire population of the northern part of the provinces of Kiang-Su and Anhui.

The famine in China is the direct result of the great floods which inundated the provinces mentioned last summer, ruining the crops. Consequently there was no harvest and the supply of food on hand was not sufficient to sustain the people of these sections until the next harvest. In fact, unless prompt aid is rendered there will not be a next harvest, as the Chinese will eat the seed instead of planting it. During the first days of the famine mothers endeavored to sell their babies to provide food for themselves and save the children from starvation. Now they are trying to give the children away in the hope that those to whom the babies are given will be able to feed them. Along the banks of the Grand Canal the victims of this terrible calamity are living in mud and water, with only shacks of matting over their heads, hoping against hope that they may exist until boats bearing the staff of life come up the canal to relieve them.

Writing from Hwai Yuan, via Nanking, E. C. Lobenstein, of the American Presbyterian Mission, describing the conditions that exist in the country immediately about Hwai Yuan, says:

"The magistracy of Hwai Yuan has an estimated population of 300,000 persons. The number of famine sufferers—those who must be relieved or die—in this magistracy alone, amounts to, approximately, 200,000—70 per cent. of the entire population.

Last year the flood was the worst here in many years, and the crops were poor. The wheat suffered from drought and only one-third was saved. This year about half of the wheat was harvested, but in the region north of Hwai two tornadoes and then the flood carried away practically everything.

"The need here is great, and the condition of the poor is as serious as that in other parts. Reports come in daily of people dying of starvation. The poor who have children are trying to sell them, but even they will not sell for a pittance. Help is needed at once. As soon as the real cold and wet weather sets in the death rate will increase greatly.

"One million people are dependent on outside relief, and these will die of starvation if relief is not given and they are kept in this region. Five months must be counted on, and a family cannot exist on less than one cent per head per day, if for that.

"We are eagerly hoping for help from the Red Cross Society."

This statement only gives an idea of the conditions in one portion of the great famine district.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Further Steps Taken for Better Sanitary Conditions Here.

At a meeting of the committee on public health, which was appointed pursuant to a resolution of the citizens who attended Dr. McCormack's lecture at the court house, it was decided that from this committee three sub-committees be appointed, one on committees be appointed, one on streets, one on education on sanitary subjects and one on policing premises. Mayor Wagoner has appointed the following committees and the chairman of each has been requested to call his committee together so that they may be ready to report to the general committee, which will be asked to meet sometime the coming week. The sub-committees are as follows:

Committee on Streets.

Mr. H. S. Williams, Chairman; Mrs. R. A. Brown, Mrs. J. P. Cook, Mrs. R. S. Young and Mrs. J. L. Erwin.

Committee on Education on Sanitary Subjects.

Mr. Plato T. Durham, Chairman; Mrs. J. P. Cook, Mrs. R. A. Brown, Dr. J. E. Smoot.

Committee on Policing Premises.

Dr. J. E. Smoot, Chairman; Mr. H. S. Williams, Mr. J. F. Hurley, Mr. Jno. M. Oglesby.

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THE BILL NYE FUND.

Returns from the State Schools Slow Coming In.

The amount so far reported to the Charlotte Observer from the schools of the State for the Bill Nye Memorial building at the Jackson Training school is \$408.75. This does not include the \$35 reported from the Cabarrus public schools outside of Concord. Only one county superintendent has reported. It is expected when the returns all come in that the fund will be considerable. The blind children of the State institution at Raleigh contributed \$6.64. The Salisbury graded schools gave \$44.50 and the Mooresville school \$11.33. We thank the Observer for the following kind reference:

In addition to the above word was received yesterday from Editor J. B. Sherrill of The Concord Times, who started out to raise \$100, that his fund had now reached the sum of \$209.18, and was still growing. If the other newspapers of the State would put forth the same effort, the amount aimed at—\$5,000—would soon be forthcoming. Editor Sherrill is doing a noble work, not only on his own fund, but his missionary efforts are evidenced in the contribution of the Concord schools, which to date, held the banner for the highest amount.

OUR BILL NYE FUND GETS \$25.00 MORE.

Messrs. Louis and Leonard Brown Swell It This Amount.

Our Bill Nye fund for the erection of the cottage at the Jackson Training School has now passed the \$200.00 mark, and we are going right on for the \$500.00 we intend to raise. The latest contributors are Messrs. Louis and Leonard Brown, who comprise the firm of R. A. Brown's Sons, and who give \$25.00 to the fund. This contribution, like all the rest, is highly appreciated. Who will be next?

The fund now stands:

Mrs. J. W. Cannon	\$ 25.00
J. W. Cannon	25.00
J. Locke Erwin	25.00
Cash	25.00
R. A. Brown's Sons	25.00
Frank L. Smith	15.00
Arthur B. Pounds	10.00
Cash	10.00
C. F. Ritchie	10.00
P. B. Fetzter	10.00
Boys at Training School	9.18
Times	5.00
Tribune	5.00
C. W. Swink	5.00
J. F. Honeycutt	5.00
Total	\$209.18

OUR CHINA FAMINE FUND.

Contributions Will be Received and Forwarded to the Suffering Millions in China.

The Red Cross Society is engaged in the humanitarian work of raising funds for the relief of the famine sufferers in China, and The Tribune and The Times will aid in this work by receiving and forwarding all funds offered for this purpose. There is no object to which people could contribute that is more worthy than this—the relief of actual starvation of human beings. In this land of plenty we cannot even conceive of the awful conditions in China. It is said that one cent a day will keep one of these starving people alive. We have so far received the following contributions:

Rev. J. J. Eads \$ 1.00
Cash 5.00
Total \$ 6.00

Debate on Tithing at Forest Hill Church.

A public meeting of the women missionary societies was held at Forest Hill Methodist church last night. The treasurer of each of the societies made her annual financial report, after which a debate on the following question was held: "Resolved that we give tithes now." The following took part in the debate and a number of most interesting points were set forth by them: Misses Cooper and Leitha Miller, Bertha Linker, Minnie Utley and Mesdames Ida Hodgson and J. C. Fink. Mrs. W. L. Hutchins is president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; Mrs. Gordon Johnson, of the Light Bearers, and Mrs. J. C. Fink, of the Golden Links.

No Vote on Mileage Bill.

Special to The Times.
Raleigh, February 27.—Senate adjourned without vote on mileage book bill. LLEWEX