

Facts About Cabarrus Schools as Outlined by Prof. J. B. Robertson

The following facts about the work in Cabarrus County, during the past six years, together with an outline of plans for the future development of the schools, were given in an address before the Concord Rotary Club, Wednesday by Prof. J. B. Robertson, superintendent of the schools of Cabarrus County. The full address of Prof. Robertson follows:

When we first express to you my thanks for your kind invitation to the Board of Education and to you at this festive occasion, I assure you because I am sure that you are not only interested in the progress of our schools, but also in the progress of our county. No invitation has been made that was more genuine and more sincere than this. I assure you because I have never had so many good things to eat, and so many good things to talk about, and so many good things to do, as I have here at the County Rural Public Schools.

It is a pleasure to me that I could tell you in a brief length of time if I would have more time, I would have said more. Hence this paper that I am presenting to you is a brief statement of what I have done in the past six years, and what I have planned for the future. I am sure that you will find it of interest, and I am sure that you will find it of value. I am sure that you will find it of interest, and I am sure that you will find it of value.

From the achievements accomplished in the past, from the gratifying facts and figures, that face us at present, that tell us no sad nor mean story, we gather strong hope for the future. There is important work to be done just ahead. We welcome its coming. To be brief and specific our program calls for a system of standard high schools throughout the county, so arranged and located as to serve and minister to the needs of every boy and girl in the county, whether that boy or girl lives in a town or village or cross road community, or on a highway or on by-way—a system of large buildings built of brick, placed upon broad campuses, that contain large auditoriums and large classrooms—and with all these a school term of eight months, for every pupil in the county, whether he be in the first year of the primary department or the last year of the high school. Do you understand the plan and see the picture?

The scheme calls for improved roads, a system of elementary schools perfect in repair and beautiful in appearance for all the smaller children, where they may be segregated from the larger ones, and close to home and mother; then larger schools for larger children where organization and equipment will not only make possible some good work in the high school department, but which will guarantee to them efficient training in every grade in a standard high school. All children going from home daily and back to the parental roof at night for care and shelter and for the benediction of the home—a system of education through the elementary schools and through high schools at a minimum cost and with maximum benefits, because he is feeding at his father's table and bathing in the blessings that surround home and hearth—stone and mother's knee, the most sacred shrine that has yet been established, and receiving as good training in school as is to be had anywhere.

A moderate county-wide tax will make this plan possible, this dream come true. We have committed ourselves to the task of building the system outlined above because we believe it will be efficient and satisfactory. In deep earnestness we are going to the people with the plan. We thank you again for your kind invitation to present it to you; and we invite you, Rotarians, to join in with us heartily and help make possible this efficient system of elementary and high schools for all the boys and girls of our great and good county.

More Developments.
In 1917 we had a rural white census of 4,301; a colored rural census of 1,895; total 6,196. In 1922 we have a rural white census of 7,108; a colored rural census of 1,921; total 9,029; a gain of 2,833. In 1917 we enrolled in the elementary schools 4,351 white, and 1,525 colored—a total of 5,876; in 1922 we enrolled 6,784 white and 1,533 colored—a total of 8,317; a gain of 2,441. In 1917 we enrolled in the high school department 143; in 1922 we enrolled 329; a gain of 186, or more than 130 per cent. We graduated in 1917 from the elementary schools 23, and graduated in 1922 from the elementary schools

ported he already has the morning glory seed for the side porch.
Mr. and Mrs. K. O. Boger attended the funeral of Mr. John A. Barnhardt at Rocky River Church Sunday.
Mrs. C. A. Fisher's condition is improved after an illness of several days.
Mrs. H. A. Scott and children are spending a month at Biltmore with Mrs. Scott's sister.
The little daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Jamison is improving after a week's illness.
Mr. S. C. Fisher, of Concord, father of Mr. C. A. Fisher, of this city, whose condition became worse several days ago, is improved.
The foundation is being laid for Prof. Peeler's handsome new brick residence on the corner near the Cline house.
Mrs. R. T. Frye arrived Friday from Independence, Kans., where she spent a few months with home folks.
Mrs. Shillinglaw, of Rock Hill, formerly of this city, is visiting friends and relatives in Kannapolis and vicinity.
The friends of Mr. Tate and family, of Mooresville, are glad to welcome them back to our town.
Miss Lyon, former physical director at the Mary Ella Hall, has left Winston-Salem for New York.
Miss Olive Walker spent Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Durham.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ferguson returned Monday from Blowing Rock where they spent their honeymoon.
Mr. Charles McKinley, of the Parks-Belk force, who is now on a vacation, has left for Baltimore where he will join a touring party.
Mrs. G. G. Allen and children are in Morganton visiting relatives.
Mrs. D. A. Jolly and children have returned from Raleigh where they visited relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. McGee have returned from King's Mountain where they visited relatives and friends.
A splendid picture which was given Friday night at the Y. M. C. A. by the Parks-Belk Company was attended by

three thousand people.
Mrs. Norfleet, of the Mary Ella Hall, returned Tuesday from Winston-Salem, where she spent a few days with relatives and friends.
Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Willmott will leave next week for Cleveland, Ohio, where they will spend their vacation.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hartness July 7th, a daughter.

Fifteen thousand people assembled on the Y. M. C. A. grounds Saturday at 6 o'clock to see the Ford touring car and thirty-four other prizes given away. The car and other prizes were given by the merchants of Kannapolis following Bargain Week. The drawing was done by a small girl and the tickets having been previously shuffled by four well known men. Mr. R. C. Probst was found to have the lucky number for the car. Quite a large number of the other prizes were very valuable, and those with lucky number considered themselves very fortunate.

Mr. E. P. Reel and family moved yesterday to Mooresville. These people leave many warm friends here who very much regret to see them leave, as the family is popular wherever known. They are active in church work, and are an inspiration to those with whom they come in contact. Miss Mabel Reel who is attending Asheville Normal is a prospective young teacher.

Little Miss Ola Belle Hartsis is improved after having been confined for some time to her home on account of illness.
Miss Carrie Watson returned Friday from Georgia accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Glenn, of Carlton, Ga.
Mr. C. C. Lowe has returned to his home in Spray after spending the week-end with his sister, Miss Margaret Lowe.
Mr. Charles Davall and family returned Saturday from Asheville where they spent a few weeks.
Little Harold and Hazel Nantz, who have been spending the summer in Mooresville with their grandmother, visited home folks Friday and Saturday, returning Saturday, accompanied by Mrs. J. P. Nantz. Mrs. Nantz returned home Tuesday.

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF LAND.

Pursuant to an order of the Superior Court of Cabarrus County made in the special proceeding entitled "M. M. Linker, administrator of Charles Wade, deceased, vs. Nicely Wade, widow, Clyde Morgan, Charlie Morgan, Grace Morgan and Birdie Stark and husband, Ernest Stark, heirs-at-law of Charles Wade, deceased," the undersigned, Commissioner will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, for CASH at the Court House Door in Concord, North Carolina, on SATURDAY, AUGUST 4th, 1923, at 12:00 "M." the following described real estate:

Lying and being in No. 12 Township, Cabarrus County, North Carolina, in Ward No. Four (4) of the City of Concord, and bounded as follows: Adjoining the lands of Scotia Seminary and others.
BEGINNING at a stone in the center of the old Charlotte Road, six and one-half rods and three and one-half feet East of an iron stake on the West side of West Depot street, a corner agreed upon by M. O. Beatty and Luke Doanland; thence North 82 East 5 poles to Alfred Area's corner; thence Southward with Area's line 16 poles to Area's Southwest corner; thence South 82 West 5 poles to a stake, formerly a Cedar Post; thence North 2 West 16 rods to the BEGINNING. Containing one-half acre, more or less. The same being the lot conveyed to Charles Wade by Luke Doanland and wife by deed dated March 20th, 1879, and recorded in Deed Book No. 30, page 539, Cabarrus County Registry.
This the 2nd day of July, 1923.
M. M. LINKER,
Commissioner.
Palmer & Blackwelder, Attorneys,
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as the Administrator of the estate of W. Lee Watson, deceased, all persons owing said estate are hereby notified that they must make prompt payment or suit will be brought. And all persons having claims against said estate, must present them to the undersigned duly authenticated on or before the 29th day of June, 1924, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.
This 29th day of June, 1923.
HESTER WATSON,
Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as the Administrator of the estate of Ralph H. Moser, deceased, all persons owing said estate are hereby notified that they must make prompt payment, or suit will be brought. And all persons having claims against said estate must present them to the undersigned, duly authenticated, on or before the 19th day of June, 1924, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.
BESSIE MOSER,
Administrator.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as the Executor of the estate of Jacob W. Hartsell, deceased, all persons owing said estate are hereby notified that they must make prompt payment or suit will be brought. And all persons having claims against said estate must present them to the undersigned, duly authenticated on or before the 28th day of May, 1924, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.
DAVID W. HARTSELL, Executor,
Palmer & Blackwelder, Attorneys,
May 28, 1923.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as the Administrator of the estate of Mrs. Minnie Black, deceased, all persons owing said estate are hereby notified that they must make prompt payment or suit will be brought. And all persons having claims against said estate must present them to the undersigned, duly authenticated, on or before the 28th day of June, 1924, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.
CURTIS BLACK,
Administrator,
Kannapolis, N. C.
Palmer & Blackwelder, Attorneys,
June 28th, 1923.

IN THE MATTER OF CLOSING

It has been the policy of the Parks-Belk stores throughout the Carolinas to co-operate heartily with other business organizations for the up-building of the respective communities. These stores stand ready at any time to lend their support to all movements looking to the progress of their home cities.

The Parks-Belk Company calls Concord its home. It has its investment here. It endeavors to serve the public in every way. It is ready now or at any time to work with other business the trade territory of Concord further developed, so that all business houses here may share in a larger business.

That is its business policy.

This store is here to serve the public. It does not want to antagonize anybody.

This store has arranged this year, as last, to let each one of its employees off one afternoon a week, or if they prefer a week's vacation with full pay. Our employees are in accord with this arrangement. They get their afternoons off to use as they desire, or a full week's vacation with full pay.

This policy enables us to maintain our efficiency as a mercantile establishment bent on serving the public and at the same time considering the young men and young ladies who assist us in rendering service.

The Parks-Belk Company regrets that any friction has arisen, but it has always reserved the right to conduct its business as its conception of its own obligations dictates.

The company thanks the public sincerely for their co-operation and pledges them the largest measure of values and service consistent with fair and honest merchandising.

Very Sincerely,

PARKS-BELK CO.

Six Full Days of Service