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ABOUT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Shate School Facts, in continuing its discussion of elementary schools in the State, finds that the cost of instruction varies among the several types of schools. The average monthly cost per pupils enrolled in all the rural white elementary schools was \$2.66.

Cost of instruction was lowest in one-teacher schools and highest in three-teacher schools. Cost of instruction in schools with three to seven teachers was above the average for the State as a whole, and in schools with eight or more teachers and one and two teachers it was less than the State average.

In at least one type of school in seven counties the cost of instruction per pupil enrolled was \$5.00 or more per month. A monthly cost of instruction of less than \$1.25 was found in the smaller types of schools of three counties.

In Durham county the highest monthly cost of instruction was in the one-teacher school at \$6.06, the next highest in the two-teacher school at \$5.05, the third highest in the five-teacher school at \$1.74, and the fourth and fifth highest costs in the three and four-teacher schools.

The lowest cost of instruction per pupil in Durham county is in the seven-teacher school at \$2.63 a month. The highest cost in any county in one-teacher schools was in Durham at \$6.06 a month. The lowest cost in one-teacher schools was in Vance county at \$1.03 a month.

Cumberland county had the highest cost in two-teacher schools, \$6.25 a month; and Gates county the lowest cost at \$1.19 a month. The average cost for two-teacher schools was \$2.63 a month.

The highest cost in three-teacher schools was in Wilson County at \$5.58 a month, and the lowest cost in three-teacher schools was in Clay county at \$1.23 a month. The average for the State in three-teacher schools was \$2.89 a month.

Just as in the case of cost of instruction based on enrollment, the cost of instruction calculated on the basis of attendance was lowest in the one-teacher school and highest in the three-teacher school. The average for the State was \$3.57, and the range was from \$1.59 in a one-teacher school of Vance county to \$8.67 in the two-teacher schools of Cumberland county.

The difference between the cost of instruction on the basis of attendance and that on the basis of enrollment is determined by the per cent of enrollment in attendance, the greater difference being in schools having the poorer attendance.

North Carolina paid, during the year 1926-27 one million dollars a month for a period of 7.8 months to 10,989 rural white elementary teachers in 3,549 schools.

The average monthly salary paid these 10,898 teachers was \$91.77. The teachers in the larger schools were paid a higher monthly salary. In fact, the salary paid teachers increases regularly as the size of the school increases.

The monthly salary paid teachers in all these schools ranges from \$115.92 in Durham county to \$74.20 in Alleghany county. In the several types of schools the range was from \$126.52 in the one 8-10 teacher-type in Transylvania county to \$60 in the one one-teacher type in Franklin county.

From the viewpoint of the teacher, the better indication of the amount received for teaching services is on the annual instead of the monthly basis. The average annual salary of the white rural elementary teachers for 1926-27 was \$668.04, ranging from \$178.41 in the one-teacher school to \$867.60 in schools having eleven or more teachers.

There is also a very definite relation between per pupil cost of instruction, the salaries paid teachers and the number of pupils enrolled per teacher employed. The low cost in the small schools is largely attributed to the low salaries paid in these schools, whereas the comparatively low cost in the larger type schools is the result of a larger enrollment per teacher. The higher cost in the three and four-teacher schools is caused by larger salaries and a smaller number of pupils.

NEED FULL SERVICE HERE.

We are inclined to believe the Southern Railway officials erred when they decided to suspend the local shifting crew and have the work handled by the crew from Kannapolis. The new arrangement does not do justice to local shippers or to Kannapolis shippers.

For just three hours each day local freight will be handled and for the remainder of the day this freight, much of it important to the business life of Concord, will lie on side-tracks here. And while the crew from Kannapolis is working here, freight in that city will not be handled.

Last week we made inquiry of M. O. Dunbar, division superintendent, as to his plans for the shifting crew here and he intimated that the crew was to be laid off for one day only. He did not state in his reply that the crew would be relieved of duty, but such is the case now, and we question the wisdom of his act.

Concord freight business amounts to quite an item in the course of a year. For more than 20 years a shifting crew has been maintained here and with receipts showing an increase each year we do not understand why the officials feel that a curtailed schedule of work will prove effective. It is freely predicted among shippers that the new schedule will not remain long in force because it will not prove satisfactory, and we are inclined to the same view. We believe local business demands a full crew of workmen, and certainly there is too much business in Concord and Kannapolis for one crew to handle.

We do not presume to dictate the management of the Southern as it affects Concord, but it does seem that officials should have made inquiry of local shippers before inaugurating a curtailed program. Such inquiry was not made and a number of the biggest shippers in the city did not know of the new schedule until it became effective. These shippers are in position to know the kind of service they will demand and they should have been given the privilege of outlining their wants before the new schedule was put into effect.

HICKMAN CONFESSES.

William Edward Hickman, in a confession made public Monday night by officers who questioned him, took full responsibility for the murder of Marian Parker, Los Angeles school girl. He said he killed the child after kidnapping her so she wouldn't make any noise.

The crime, one of the most revolting in the history of America, demands immediate court action and there are indications that just such action will be given it. There is nothing left for Hickman to do but enter a formal plea of guilty, and without question the death penalty will be pronounced without delay.

The public was never convinced that Hickman had an accomplice. The man first named by him as the one who killed the girl later was found in jail, where he had been held since August. That broke down Hickman's principal alibi, and there was nothing for him to do but confess. Already the public was convinced that he alone was guilty, despite the first story told.

Hickman has been leading a life of crime for several months, according to his own statement. He started with petty thievery and with success in that line he became bolder. At first he was content with small robberies, but as he got further into crime his demands increased and he wanted bigger game. Drug store robberies did not lead to enough cash. His craving for property belonging to others grew as he successfully evaded the police, leading finally to the kidnapping of the child and her murder.

Already persons who have known Hickman for years have come forward with statements that he was never normal. That was expected. There will be the inevitable effort to prove him insane and no doubt a determined fight to save him from the death he deserves. The mind that schemed the kidnapping and murder is not normal perhaps, but its abnormality is a result of crime and nothing else. He didn't scheme like an insane person. He had sense enough to reason out the whole thing, and he should pay for his crime.

Members of the County Board of Health, realizing the danger confronting the children of Cabarrus because of the epidemic of measles, have ordered an additional week's vacation for the public schools. Also, they have issued orders prohibiting children under twelve years of age from attending moving picture theatres and Sunday Schools.

These orders were issued for the purpose of preventing the congregation of children, and parents should keep this in mind. During the past several weeks there have been hundreds of cases of measles in Cabarrus county, and several hundred of them are in the city proper. Many of the children spread the disease because they are not certain they have it, and the health authorities determined that the best way to stop the spread of the disease was to keep the children separated.

Parents can do much to halt the spread of the disease. They should see to it that their children stay away from public places. They should respect quarantine signs and see that their children respect them. Many have the idea that measles is not a dangerous disease and in that view they are mistaken. Four deaths from the disease and its complications have been reported in Concord and no doubt scores of children who did not receive careful and proper treatment and nursing will be handicapped through life as a result of the disease's ill-effects. Measles is not a disease to be trifled with and parents should do everything possible to keep their children from contracting it.

It is also known that members of the board were influenced in their decision by the number of scarlet fever cases in the city. The number is not anywhere near the epidemic stage but just the same new cases are being reported from day to day and the health officials saw this as an excellent opportunity to take steps to curb this malady, also. Scarlet fever is a dangerous disease, often with serious kidney after-effects, so the officials did their part to check this disease before it became more prevalent in the city.

If necessary the schools can operate an additional week in the spring to make up the loss of the week at this time. In some departments this work can be made up but if the additional holiday means another week's work in the spring we believe it will prove worthwhile. Where the lives of children are at stake we can not afford to take chances.

SHOP-LIFTER.

People who enter stores and obtain goods without paying for them are called "shop-lifters" in Police Court, and are sentenced to long terms in State institutions where there is no temptation.

What of the people who obtain merchandise from those same stores and say "charge it"—and then proceed to flip the monthly requests for payment into the furnace?

Are they, or are they not "shop-lifters"? You answer it. Unless they pay their bills, when due, aren't they as guilty as the criminal who lurks in dark alleys? The motive may not be the same, but isn't the loss to the merchant just as great?

Customers who abuse the thirty-day credit privilege are injuring the merchants who trust them, but they are injuring themselves more seriously.

People who "buy" but don't pay are severely punished. The sentence is embarrassment, district and loss of credit. It's about as easy to bore holes in the ocean as to regain credit—once it has been lost.

Did you know that any person owing money to business houses and professional men for long periods is "black-balled"? Such a person is not to be trusted. Careful merchants can't afford to give their goods away.

If a man owed you \$100 for a long time and gave no indication of a desire to pay, would you be willing to extend him the courtesy of another \$100? Hardly!

Honest people pay their debts—when due. "Open accounts" are due in thirty days. That's the agreement you made when you opened your charge account.

Any person owing money that he can not pay should explain the situation to his creditors. They will be fair and anxious to arrange the debt so that it can be paid conveniently. But when a delinquent customer hides his head in the sand, like an ostrich and says, "You can't squeeze blood out of a turnip," is he, or is he not, a "shop-lifter"?

IF VAMPS—WHY NOT TAR HEELS?

We don't know what the average newspaper reader thinks about the matter, but to our way of thinking North Carolina is getting a lot of undesirable publicity through the trial of a former country club secretary in Richmond for the alleged killing of a young divorcee formerly of this State. In every press dispatch the dead woman is spoken of as "the pretty and attractive Mrs. Snipes, of Princeton, N. C."

The reports seem to indicate that she was leading an immoral life, casting her affections on first one and then another of her men admirers, and making no distinction between those who had already assumed marital obligations and those who were eligible for matrimony. The defendant, on trial, is said to have been an ex-Sunday School superintendent, a man held in high esteem by his associates. His own admissions, whether he is guilty or not of murder, indicate that he had fallen considerably from the path of rectitude and had, virtually abandoned his wife and children for the "other woman." A sordid picture indeed! Why continue to paint the woman in the case as "attractive and pretty," and emphasize the fact she was a former North Carolinian. The less detail of such social stime and filth, the better.

Teeth in prohibition law need too much gold filling.—Wall Street Journal.

PERSONALS.

Miss Ada Curry, of York, S. C., is spending the week here with relatives and friends.

Friends of P. R. Curry will be interested to learn that he was able to sit up again today after being confined to his bed by illness for several days.

Mrs. S. F. Winters and Miss Margaret Winters, of Granite Quarry, were guests Tuesday night of Mrs. Kelly Lyles.

Mrs. Claude Dunn, of Roanoke Rapids, who has been visiting relatives here, has gone to Charlotte to visit her mother, Mrs. H. F. Propst, before returning to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Spears have returned from Washington, D. C., where they spent their honeymoon.

John Hansdale, of Fayetteville, and G. R. Tendell, of Kinston, were business visitors in the city Tuesday.

Friends of Mrs. J. F. Stencil will regret to learn that she is critically ill at the Concord hospital. Mrs. Stencil underwent an operation there Tuesday.

Ernest Query left Tuesday for Philadelphia after spending the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Huffman have returned to their home in Lexington after visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Roberts for several days.

G. W. Dowdy has returned from Eastern North Carolina where he spent the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Roberts and Joe Lynn Roberts are spending the day in Rowan county with Mrs. Roberts' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bostian.

Miss Annie Brown has returned to her home after spending the holidays with her brother, Walter Brown, in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cosby returned to their home in Greenville, S. C., after spending the holidays here with Mrs. Cosby's father, W. A. Wilkinson.

Mrs. W. B. Belfield has returned from Statesville where she visited relatives during the holidays.

Mrs. Elmer Elliott and infant daughter have returned to their home on South Union street from the Concord hospital.

Friends of J. G. Parks will regret to learn that he underwent an operation at the Concord hospital Tuesday.

Mrs. W. S. Dalton has been confined to her home on Harris street for several days by influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ritchie had as their guests for Christmas Mrs. M. S. Patterson and Miss Rosalie Patterson, of Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Spencer, of Raleigh, and F. Blain Patterson, of Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. G. Patterson Ritchie left Tuesday for Norwood, where she will visit relatives for a week.

Mrs. J. F. Goodman and Miss Catharine Goodman, who are spending the winter in New York, are in Concord for the holidays.

Mrs. J. D. Holmes, Jr., arrived yesterday from Jacksonville, Fla., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Goodman have left for their home in Rome, Ga., after spending the holidays in Concord.

Jack Ramseur, of Kings Mountain, is the guest of Reid Craven.

Judge John M. Oglesby spent Tuesday night here enroute to Raleigh to attend the Judicial Conference.

Mrs. C. H. Wadsworth has returned from Charlotte where she spent the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. D. A. Garrison has returned to Gastonia after visiting her father, D. B. Coltrane, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Beam and Lewis Beam, Jr., of Asheville, Mrs. John Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Donnell and son, John Donnell, Jr., of Greensboro, were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben R. Craven.

Cornelia McConnell is confined to her home on Franklin Avenue with measles.

Misses Mary Elizabeth and Helene Solomon are confined to their home on Vance street with scarlet fever.

Billy Deasley, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Deasley, is confined to his home on Franklin Avenue by measles.

Mrs. Ed Freize, of High Point, has returned home after spending several days with Mrs. M. F. Ritchie.

Mrs. Nan Whitaker, Miss Mary Ramseur and Dr. Richmond Harding, of Davidson, were the guests Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. George Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. George Richmond had as their guests Monday Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Seagle, Mrs. J. L. Barnhardt and Lewis Barnhardt, of Lenoir.

Miss Lois Barnhardt, of Albemarle, is the guest of Miss Mary Ridenhour.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ridenhour have returned to High Point after visiting relatives here during the holidays.

Charlotte Observer: Miss Ada Heath Montgomery, who spent Christmas here with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Montgomery, at Hotel

Charlotte, has returned to Philadelphia where she is a member of the faculty of the Woods school. Though quite young Miss Montgomery is achieving much success.

Miss Catharine Goodman went to Charlotte Tuesday to attend the tea given by Miss Mary Bagley Ross. Miss Goodman was in the receiving line.

Ralph Cline, of Gaffney, spent Christmas day with home folks here.

Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Troutman and daughter, of Salem, Va., are spending this week in Concord, their friends will be interested to learn.

Mrs. J. M. Odell is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Springs at their home in Fort Mill, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hill and family and Mr. and Mrs. Hogan, of Winston-Salem, were the guests for Christmas of Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Sr.

Mrs. D. A. Garrison, of Gastonia, is visiting her father, D. B. Coltrane. Dr. Garrison joined her here for Christmas Day.

Mrs. Frank Dusch and son, Frank, Jr., left Monday for Norfolk, Va., after spending several days with her father, D. B. Coltrane.

The condition of Martha Sauvain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Sauvain, who has been ill with measles, is showing improvement.

Mary Ruth, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cannon, is confined to their home with measles.

Phil Rainford is improving from an attack of measles.

Miss Nancy Lee Ross, of Washington, D. C., and Miss Tallulah Ross, of Greensboro, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ross, on North Church Street.

Miss Margaret Murray, of Greensboro, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. S. Arrowood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Freeze and children, John, Nettie and Edith, left Tuesday for Miami, Florida, where they will visit relatives. They are making the trip by motor.

L. W. Barnhardt, of Raleigh, is visiting relatives in the county during the holidays.

J. T. Coggins, Jr., is ill at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Coggins, on Allison street.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thompson, of Charlotte, S. C., are visiting Rev. and Mrs. M. R. Gibson.

Miss Ethel Lueberger and Geo. Nussman visited friends in Forest City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brown, Miss Jenny Brown, John and Rufus Brown, Mrs. Grace Brown Saunders, and Miss Maude Brown were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Brown in Gastonia during the holidays.

Miss Mildred Eaves, county health nurse, visited her sister in Raleigh during the holidays.

Mrs. V. B. Minish and son, of Atlanta, Ga., are visiting her mother, Mrs. W. C. Parnell.

Mrs. Luther Kesler and children, of Charlotte, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kesler on South Spring Street. Beatrice Kesler, daughter of Mrs. Kesler, is confined to the home of her grandparents with measles.

Cyts White and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McBride, of Statesville, were the guests of their sisters, Misses Lou, Addie and May White, during the holidays.

Misses Mary and Lizzie Young, of Davidson, are the guests of Mrs. J. P. Allison.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Cameron and daughter, Susie, of Laurinburg, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Caldwell during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams and daughter, Miss Odella Williams, of Durham, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Isenhour.

Marshall Morris, who recently underwent an operation at the Charlotte Sanatorium, returned to his home on Moore Street Sunday.

Misses Helen and Nell Johnson, of Statesville, spent Monday afternoon in the city. They were accompanied home by Miss Ila Bost and Miss Bessie Griffin, who will spend several days there.

Rev. C. W. Maxwell and family, of South Boston, Va., and Dr. J. M. Boyce and family, of Polkton, were guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bell and Robert P. Bell have returned after spending the week-end in Morganton with Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Ervin.

A. B. Palmer has returned from Lynchburg, Va., where he spent the holidays with relatives.

J. Lee Carpenter returned to his home in Greenville, S. C. Monday night after spending Christmas here with his daughter, Mrs. W. M. Sherill.

Mrs. J. Lewis Carpenter and children, of Greenville, S. C., arrived in Concord Tuesday to spend a week with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Pemberton. Miss Mary Phifer, W. D. Pemberton, Miss Mary Phifer Pemberton went to Greenville Monday and motored here with Mrs. Carpenter and children.

Friends here and in Kannapolis of Roy Propst will be interested to learn that he is rapidly recovering in a Charlotte hospital from a recent opera-

tion. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell Propst and children, of Sumter, S. C., spent Christmas here with Mr. Propst's mother, Mrs. W. F. Propst. Miss Nett Fleming Harris, student in a business college in Charlotte, is spending the holidays here at the home of her father, J. F. Harris.

Everett Rimer spent Monday in Greensboro visiting his mother, Mrs. C. C. Thornlow.

Miss Anna Cooke, of Clayton, is leaving today after having spent the holidays with Miss Inez Hamilton.

Miss Lydia Hamilton is confined to her bed with measles.

P. E. Todd, of High Point, is a visitor in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Webb had as their guests for Christmas Tom Webb of Erwin, Miss Belle Webb and Mr. and Mrs. John Webb and baby, of Hillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Conrad, of Lexington, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Roberts.

Misses Opal Reeves and Nina Clarke returned Tuesday afternoon to their home in Junalaska, after spending Christmas with Miss Alberta Shinn.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Crooks and children spent Monday in Mooresville with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Crooks and children, of High Point, spent Monday in Concord.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Propst and son John, of Pamlico, S. C., are visiting relatives in Concord.

Miss Katie Isenhour, who had the misfortune to fall last week and injure one kneecap, is able to get around on crutches now.

Miss Janie Patterson, of Charlotte, is spending the Christmas holidays here, the guest of Mrs. Jno. K. Patterson.

Dr. Fred Patterson has returned to his home in Greensboro, after spending the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. Jno. K. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Edwards, of Rocky Mount, have returned to their home after spending the holidays here.

Mrs. Jno. K. Patterson is visiting the family of her son-in-law, Geo. R. Edwards, in Rocky Mount.

Miss Edna Brown, of N. C. C. W., Greensboro, arrived Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Byrd, of Lancaster, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mangum and children, of Jefferson, S. C., and Miss Hattie Green, of Charlotte, were the guests of Mrs. L. R. Byrd, of this city, during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. D. D. Harwood and Mrs. Lewis Stirewalt, of Salisbury, visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Lutz, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Wall, of Salisbury, spent Sunday here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wall.

G. H. Talbirt, of Rockingham, visited relatives here during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Culclease and daughter, have returned from Columbia, S. C., where they were guests of relatives during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Misenheimer, Misses Mabel and Ruby and Frank Misenheimer spent Monday in Newton with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Harker, of Charlotte, spent Christmas holidays with Mrs. Harker's father, C. A. Isenhour.

Ray King has returned from Anderson, S. C., where he spent the holidays with his parents.

Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Backwelder, of Baltimore, Md., are spending the holidays with Mr. Backwelder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Backwelder, on South Spring Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cress, of Baltimore, Md., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Cress.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Phillips, Miss Blonida Shaw, and Oswald Phillips, of Norwood, were guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. John Cress.

Miss Mary Brown, of Greenville, S. C., is the guest of Mrs. F. M. Youngblood.

E. C. Huey, of Lady Lake, Fla., was the guest last Friday and Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Youngblood.

Mrs. R. V. Fleming had as her guests during the Christmas holidays her sister, Mrs. M. T. Oehler, of Huntersville, and Miss Margaret Mowat, of Charlotte.

Friends of Mrs. R. E. Jones will regret to learn that she is ill at her home on North Union Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson Smoot and children have left for their home in Greenville, S. C., after a visit to Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Smoot.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cress, of Baltimore, Md., are visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Phillips, of Norwood, spent Monday in Concord.

Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Pemberton, Misses Adele and Mary Phifer Pemberton were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Pemberton, Jr., in Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Miles and

daughter and Mrs. Lyles spent Christmas holidays with relatives in Durham.

Miss Pearl Hanson, of the Concord High School, is spending the holidays here at the home of her father, J. B. Stanley, resigned.

Friends here of Mr. and Mrs. W. Blanks received a message from Mr. Blanks, who is in the hospital, stating that he is recovering from pneumonia and a heart attack. Mr. Blanks will return to his home in January if his condition improves.

Miss Sara Ellen Linder, teaching in Summerfield, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Linder.

Mrs. R. W. Prior, of the Linder family, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Linder.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ralston returned from their vacation spent in the South.

Rev. and Mrs. M. R. Gibson, Gibson, Mrs. Annie Baird, Mrs. Bair and Mr. Bair, Mrs. Thompson were guests of Mrs. J. A. Baird in Charlotte.

McDaniel-Crouch A very pretty and effective marriage was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Crouch, 10 McNeill street, Saturday night, 10 o'clock, when Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Crouch, Jr., of Wayne, N. C., were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed in the presence of few intimate friends of the bride and groom.

The home was prettily decorated with a profusion of ferns and white carnations, and an altar bearing flowers in the room. Prior to the ceremony, Mattie Crouch played the piano from Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." During the ceremony, the bride wore a gown of blue and white, with a hat of gold and white, and a corsage of lilies of the valley and rose buds.

Mrs. McDaniel is an artistic accomplished musician. She is educated at Mrs. Hill College, North Carolina College for Women, Greensboro; and for the past year has taught school.

The groom is a popular member of Raleigh. He was valedictorian of Wake Forest college and a student at the latter institution and an employee of the News and Observer.

The couple will make their home in Raleigh.