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## THE NEW SCHOOL LAW

### Drastic Changes Take Place In the Public Educational System.

## STATE WITHDRAWS

### And Leaves Stokes County Alone to Bear Its Burdens of Taxation, In a Sense, But for Our Good—Compulsory Law in Effect—School to Open October 1 and Run Six Months.

In accordance with laws passed by the last legislature some interesting and important changes are to take place in this county soon with reference to the public schools, and taxation. At the meeting of the board of county commissioners here Monday these matters came up, when the Superintendent of Education, Prof. J. T. Smith, submitted to the board the estimated appropriation of extra tax money which the people will have to pay in order to bring the schools up to the status required by the State. This appropriation will amount to 15 cents on property and 45 cents on the poll. Previously the State had paid this money, but now the county must bear its own burden and must increase its allowance for the education of the children in order to bring every school up to a four-months term, and when we do this, the State will furnish the cash to extend two months longer, thus giving us a strict six-months school. In addition to this innovation, the new law makes it the duty of the county as a whole to provide high school taxes. Thus Stokes county must bear the expense of the high schools at King, Pinnacle, Walnut Cove and Pine Hall. One way you look at it, this is a hardship on the districts which have no high schools. But at these high schools, an equal of school age in the county may have tuition free of charge, while other districts who wish to come into the advantages of the high schools may do so, by complying with the State's requirements, as King, Pinnacle, Walnut Cove and Pine Hall have done.

The new compulsory education law goes into effect immediately, and Prof. Smith informs the Reporter that the law will require all children of 8 to 12 years of age to attend the public schools from the beginning of the term, for a period of four months. Sickness, living more than 2 1/2 miles from a school building and severe storms, are among the excuses that will relieve a child from complying with the law, but the discretion is left with a district superintendent, who must pass on such matters, and whose duty shall be to prosecute those who fail to obey the new law's provisions. In case of sickness, the child must have a physician's certificate.

In order that the full six months term may be effected,

## Much Sickness Around Meadows--Other News of Interest.

Meadows, June 4. Will, the son of Mr. Ben Smith, fell from a tree and broke his arm Sunday. His arm was set by Dr. J. W. Neal, and is getting along nicely.

Mr. C. E. Neal, who has been spending a few days at his home, left for Winston Thursday.

Mr. Peter Mounce, who has been ill for some time with appendicitis, is some better we are glad to note.

Mrs. Rosa Covington and friends, of Winston, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Master Lee Cromer, who has been critically ill for some time with peritonitis is improving rapidly.

William, the little son of Mr. R. W. Sands, had the misfortune of getting one of his toes mashed off while playing with a bicycle last week.

Mr. Robt. Neal spent Sunday with Mr. Joe W. Neal, of Mizpah Route 1.

Mrs. A. L. Lewellyn and little son, Alexander, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Neal.

Mr. Alex Lewellyn, who has been sick for some time, is no better, we are sorry to note.

Mr. J. H. Neal, who has been complaining with rheumatism for the past week, is some better.

Mr. Robert Neal, who has been in school at Whitsett Institute, returned home Wednesday with his diploma.

The infant child of Mr. Eldridge Hicks has been sick, but is better at this writing.

Mr. Jim Matthews, who has been confined to his bed with mumps, is some better.

Mr. Ollie Hicks, who has been sick for the past week, is up again.

Mr. Obe Young and family, of Danbury Route 1, spent Sunday with Mr. J. Wm. Morefield. Mr. Morefield has a very sick baby.

Mrs. J. W. Neal and daughter, Thelma, attended the Salem commencement this week.

Mrs. Hattie Simmons, who has been visiting her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coleman, has returned to her home at Winston-Salem.

Old Mrs. Biddie Glidewell, who has been low for a few weeks, is improving rapidly.

Mr. Percy Wall, who has been in school at Tinsley Military Institute at Winston-Salem, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wall moved to King last week, where Mr. Wall is in the livery business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stephens, of Walnut Cove, spent Sunday with his mother.

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the schools will open a good deal earlier this year than formerly, and the first Monday in October will probably be fixed by the board of education for the opening of the public schools.

## NO BONDS TILL FALL

### County Commissioners Decide On September 1 As the Date Of Issue.

## TAX RATE IS FIXED

### Meadows Will Have the Highest and Danbury the Lowest—No Levy Arranged to Take Care of the Extra School Cost, Which Will Probably Not Be Necessary.

No bonds for road building in Stokes county will be issued until September 1. This decision was reached by the board of county commissioners, who were in session for two days here this week, fixing the new tax rate and attending to other matters with reference to Stokes finances. A number of citizens appeared before the board with the view of inducing them to issue the bonds now, according to the former order of the board and the pre-arranged plans. Mr. Chap Bobb, chairman of the board, was warmly favorable to the idea of issuing now, and pushing forward the work, but the other members, Messrs. Fagg and Owens, took the view that it would be wiser to wait until September 1, so that when the interest on the bonds becomes due, six months after their issue, there may be the wherewithal to pay it. It was argued by those who wished immediate action that delay would mean no roads for another year, while it would seriously dampen good roads sentiment in the other townships. They insisted that more than nine-tenths of the people were in favor of immediate action. Banks with which the bond money would be deposited would gladly pay interest from the date of the deposits, while many persons would pay their taxes before December 1. Moreover, an act of the legislature could be secured at the next meeting of the General Assembly to allow the Sheriff to collect the road taxes earlier, in order to meet the interest dues. The commissioners could hold back enough of the funds which they would have in hand from the proceeds of the bond issue to meet the interest payments that might mature before the act of the legislature was secured, or if necessary, in any event the commissioners could borrow the money if they needed it. But after consideration, the majority of the commissioners declined to take any hasty action, and on the ground that future trouble might be avoided, as the same difficulty might be met with year after year, the bonds running not for one year but for 30 years, the decision was made to issue the bonds on the first of September. In the meantime the township commissioners can go ahead and make necessary arrangements about the surveys, letting the roads to contractors, etc., while the attorney for the commissioners, Mr. N. O. Petree, will proceed to have the engravings made for the bonds, etc.

No arrangements were made by the board for taking care of the extra school taxes which the people must pay in order to bring the schools up to the four-month period required by the State. It is probable that this will not be necessary, owing to the natural increase in the taxable property of the county, which will meet the new burden. The general tax levy was fixed the same as last year, while the special road and school levy was arranged as follows:

Special School Tax.

Pinnacle district, 30 cts. on property and 90 cts. on poll.

King district, 30 cts. on property and 90 cts. on poll.

Walnut Cove district, 30 cts. on property and 90 cts. on the poll.

Mtn. View district, 30 cts. on property and 90 cts. on poll.

Pine Hall, district, 30 cts. on property and 90 cts. on poll.

The general levy was the same as last year.

Road Tax.

## TOBACCO AND CORN

### Crop Prospects In Stokes County Were Never Brighter at this Season of the Year.

## TOBACCO CROP IS SET

### Nearly All the Farmers are Finishing Up their Plant Setting—Corn is Looking Fine, While the Wheat Turn-out is Expected to Break The Record—Hay and Oats Good, Vegetables a Little Late But Plentiful, and Fruit About an Average.

If present prospects continue some ten or twelve weeks, prosperity will be rampant in Stokes county this fall.

Crop prospects were never brighter at this season of the year.

Good showers and the handy tobacco-planters, which now almost all farmers own, have enabled the tobacco growers to set out something like three-fourths of the supply of plants, which is a bumper supply this time. The new settings are doing well, and many fields have been worked once or twice. More fertilizer has been used by a fourth than ever before. With fair seasons, the crop will be tremendous.

Corn is looking fine, hay and oats are good, vegetables a little late but flourishing, while fruit is about an average.

The wheat crop is one of the largest and best in the history of the county.

Taken all in all, money will be plentiful this fall, because our farmer friends are growing the stuff to bring it in.

## Gideon.

Red Shoals, June 3. The health of this community is good at this writing.

Messrs. J. G. H. Mitchell and W. M. Flynt went to Walnut Cove Monday on business.

The wheat crop in this section is real good and will soon be ready for harvesting.

The ice cream supper at Gideon Saturday night was attended by a large crowd and was enjoyed by all.

Mr. John Bennett is confined to his room yet, we are sorry to note.

There will be an ice cream supper at Dillard next Saturday night, June 7. Every body is cordially invited to come.

The Sunday school at Davis Chapel is progressing nicely with about 46 on roll.

There will be preaching at Davis Chapel next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Those who visited Miss Berchie Dunlap Sunday were Miss Bessie Martin, Messrs. Claud Rhodes, Elma Flinchum and Rober Flynt.

Those who visited Misses Sadie and Bessie Mae Flinchum Sunday were Messrs. Russell Reid, Hard James, Everett Lawson, Rober Carey and Fuller Flynt.

Mr. G. C. Davis called on Miss Nannie Pitzer Sunday as usual.

A. Y. G.

Sauratown township, 37 cts. on property and \$1.11. on poll.

Meadows township, 40 cts. on property and \$1.20 on poll.

Danbury township, 35 cts. on property and \$1.05 on poll.

## The Etude Music Club Meets With Miss Petree

### The Etude Musical Club, according to adjournment, met with Miss Sadie Petree Friday evening, May 30.

Giuseppe Verdi was the composer studied, and after the reports of the Treasurer and Secretary the following programme was effectively rendered:

Piano Solo—"Quartet from Rigoletto Veridi"—Miss Mary Taylor.

Reading—Robert Joyce.

Piano Solo—Edith Fagg.

Instrumental Duet—"Crown of Triumph"—Misses Janie and Agnes Martin.

Reading—Miss Mamie Culler.

Instrumental Duet—"Triumphal March from Aida"—Verdi.—Misses Mary Taylor and Mary Joyce.

Piano Solo—"Meditation,"—Miss Raynor Joyce.

Reading—Miss Janie Martin.

Instrumental Duet—"In Testal Array,"—Misses Sadie Petree and Mary Martin.

Piano Solo—"Il Trovatore,"—Verdi.—Miss Nell Joyce.

Trio—Misses Mary Joyce, Mary and Luna Taylor.

Vocal Solo—Miss Mary Joyce.

After the programme the members were given fifteen minutes for a contest which had been prepared by the committee. This contest consisted of ten questions and the answers to which were the names of musical composers. The prize was awarded to Misses Mary Taylor and Mary Martin.

Delicious cream, garnished with strawberries, and wafers were then served by the hostess.

The next meeting of the Club will be June 13, at the home Miss Annie Blair.

## Marriage at Dillard.

James, James—People almost always planting tobacco in this section.

Miss Mary Taylor and Miss Alice Taylor were happily married Sunday afternoon, June 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neal and Mr. and Mrs. Harry and Oswald of New York City, who have been in the city, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neal spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Will Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. and Helen, of Walnut Cove, spent Sunday with their family here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. H. Mitchell and Mrs. B. J. Martin were in the city Sunday afternoon, and were accompanied by their children, who were very much enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin, of Danbury, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Carter.

Misses Minnie and Bessie, and brother, Gerald, spent Sunday afternoon with their sister, Mrs. B. H. Carter.

## ULCERS AND SKIN TROUBLES.

If you are suffering with any old, running or fever sores, ulcers, boils, eczema or other skin troubles, get a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and you will get relief promptly. Mrs. Bruce Jones, of Birmingham, Ala., suffered from an ugly ulcer for nine months and Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured her in two weeks. Will help you. Only 25c. Recommended by all druggists.

## Error Corrected.

In the last issue of the Reporter Mr. S. A. Smith advertised that his son had left home without cause, and forbade the public to harbor the boy. In setting up the ad, the printer made the mistake of giving Mr. Y. S. Smith's name instead of S. A. Smith, the father of the boy. The readers of the Reporter will note the correction.

## Wonderful Skin Salve.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve is known everywhere as the best remedy made for all diseases of the skin, and also for burns, bruises and boils. Reduces inflammation and is soothing and healing. J. T. Sossaman, publisher of News, of Cornelius, N. C., writes that one box helped his serious skin ailment after other remedies failed. Only 25c. Recommended by all dealers.

## SANDY RIDGE AFFAIR

### Claude Hutcherson Arrested and Placed Under \$1,000 Bond Charged With Seduction.

## MISS CLARA TILLEY

### Popular and Attractive Daughter of Mrs. Lula Hutcherson the Woman Concerned—Profound Sensation Created in the Neighborhood.

A sensational affair developed at Sandy Ridge last Sunday when Mr. Claude Hutcherson, a popular and well known young business man of Madison, was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Mr. Ben Tilley charging the defendant with seduction of Miss Clara Tilley. Hutcherson was brought from Madison in an automobile by Officer Walker of Mayodan. Given a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace G. A. Hutcherson, the defendant was placed under a bond of \$1,000, which was signed by several of his friends.

Miss Tilley, the alleged victim of Hutcherson, recently gave birth to a child. She is a very attractive and popular young lady of Sandy Ridge, and is a daughter of Mrs. Lula Hutcherson, who was formerly Mrs. Walter Tilley. Both the parties concerned belong to prominent families of Snow Creek township. Mr. Hutcherson was formerly R. F. D. carrier of Sandy Ridge Route 1.

As soon as Miss Tilley is able to leave her home the defendant will be given a further hearing before Justice W. E. Wilks.

Because of the prominence and the popularity of the parties concerned, the affair has created a profound sensation throughout the Sandy Ridge community.

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## News of Gideon.

Gideon, June 2—Mr. Walter Mitchell, Jr., and family visited at Mr. W. J. Flynt's Sunday.

Among those that visited at Mr. W. M. Flynt's Sunday afternoon were: Mrs. B. J. Martin and daughter, Miss Annie, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Martin, Mrs. Bobbie Dunlap, Misses Berchie Dunlap and Avis Dunlap and Bessie Martin; Messrs. Elmer Flinchum, Claud Rhodes, Robah Flynt and Robert Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Martin visited Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dunlap Sunday.

Mr. Fuller Flynt carried Misses Quincy and Myrtle Shelton to Buffalo Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Hawkins Sunday.

A large crowd attended the ice cream supper at this place Saturday night.

There is to be an ice cream supper at Dillard Saturday evening. Everybody is invited to attend.

Messrs. J. G. H. Mitchell and W. M. Flynt have gone to Walnut Cove on business this week.

SCRIBBLER.

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