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SURRY TO HAVE TEACHER TRAINING SCHOOL

Mount Airy to Provide Classroom, County to Equip it and State to Furnish Expert Teacher

Not in a decade, and possibly never, has so important a step been taken in the advancement of the cause of education in Surry county as was taken by the school board of Mount Airy and the county Commissioners on Monday of this week, when it was finally decided to establish in Mount Airy a teacher's training school for Surry county teachers.

The plan is for Mount Airy to provide a large classroom in the new high school annex now under construction. Just to provide the room and heat it is all the most there will be to the city. By the arrangement the county Commissioners pledge $500.00 to furnish the necessary furniture and equipment for the room, including a teacher's library of not less than 200 books. The state Board of Education will supply and pay the salary of a competent teacher to train the 20 Surry teachers who may wish to avail themselves of this wonderful opportunity, not only to increase their usefulness but their incomes as well. No tuition will be charged and no point in the county so remote that an hour's ride in a flivver will not bring the student-teacher to the class-room, provided it is desirable to remain at home in preference to boarding in town.

At a meeting of the Parent-Teacher association at the high school Monday night the plan and purpose of the move was made plain to a goodly number of citizens. Speeches were made by Professor Hurst, Superintendent of Mount Airy schools and County Superintendent of schools Hendren, explanatory of the plan. But it was left to the principal speaker of the evening, Mrs. T. E. Johnston of Salisbury and head of the state teacher training work in 16 of the western counties, to stress the vital importance of teacher training work. Mrs. Johnston gave her audience a most informing lecture. She said this move was a part of the state's plan to provide a better trained corps of teachers. She startled her audience by declaring that 53 per cent of the pupils of the state attended short term schools taught by teachers holding certificates below the standard grade; that is to say, teachers who have not completed high school and taken a six-weeks normal course.

Just about the time the audience had digested this startling announcement, Mrs. Johnston fired the following broadside, puncturing Surry County's educational complacency: "In the scale of trained teachers," said she, "Surry county stands on the fourth rung of the ladder from the bottom. Speaking further about Surry's rural schools she said that the county had 202 rural school teachers, not including of course the teachers of Elkin, Pilot Mountain and Mount Airy. Of this number only 19 held certificates above the standard elementary grade, while 77 teachers held certificates below the standard grade.

Mrs. Johnston said that the state last year started this co-operative movement to educate her teachers by carrying normal training to them and that only four schools of this nature were established. These proved so successful that the past year four more were established. Next year the work is to be considerably enlarged. Surry is fortunate in being selected as a site for one of these schools.

Only high school graduates who desire to become teachers and certified teachers of actual teaching experience will be allowed to enter this work. Not fewer than 10 or more than 20 will be taken. The year's work will consist of instruction in the theory and in actual practice work under the eye of the instructor.

Professor Hendren's Statement

The most far reaching decision recently made by the County Board of Education of Surry County was the decision last Monday to accept a proposition of Mrs. T. E. Johnston, representing the State Department of Education, to establish a Teacher Training Department in connection with Mount Airy High School, the city School Board having already agreed to co-operate with the County Board in furnishing the equipment for this department. After the equipment is provided the State Department agrees to maintain this work from year to year paying the entire salary of the instructor. Progress in education is more dependent on the training of the teachers than on any other factor for if you have a sloven for a teacher your school will still be slovenly even though you may have the finest of physical equipment. The rank of Surry County in the matter of teacher training for the year 1922-23 was 97 or fourth from the bottom. This year the rank will be a little higher we hope, but we cannot hope to rise very high until we have available plenty of teachers with standard certificates. This school will be a great factor in making this type of teacher available.

This department will be open to teachers desiring to improve their professional standing next year free of tuition. The following classes of students may take the work with the benefits as specified: Graduates of a standard school by taking this course will secure an Elementary A. Certificate with an initial salary of $75 per month. Graduates of a non standard high school will secure an Elementary B. Certificate with salary of $65. Those having completed the tenth grade in a standard high school may take this work as their eleventh grade work and receive an Elementary B. Certificate. Holders of the Elementary B. Certificate may take this work and raise their certificate to an Elementary A. Certificate.

I shall be glad if teachers who contemplate taking this work next year will let me know as soon as possible so that they may make application in time. This is important as the department can only accomodate 20 at present.

E. S. Hendren, Superintendent.

U. S. Dryer and Dryer Every Day Is Haynes's Summary of Year

Washington, Dec. 23.—Respect for the Prohibition Law is steadily growing and marked progress has been made in enforcement of the Harrison Narcotic Act Prohibition Commissioner Haynes said today in a summary of enforcement activities for the year about to close. Outstanding accomplishments he named as follows:

Lessening of indifference on the part of State and municipal authorities as a result of Governors' and citizenship conferences growing out of the White House Conference of Governors.

Banning of liquor by many hotels and clubs and strict enforcement by college authorities among students.

Breaking up of large liquor smuggling conspiracies through arrest and conviction of their leaders.

Revocation of brewery permits to halt the flow of illegal supplies to bootlegging centers and reduction of supplies through careful supervision of bonded warehouse withdrawals.

Concentration of bonded liquor in "official" warehouses, resulting in a saving of more than $400,000.

Institution in nearly every state of the injunction or "padlock" provisions of the law; issuance of regulations permitting inspection by State officer of places holding permits for legitimate manufacture, and tentative plans laid for curtailing smuggling on the Canadian border.

The report declared more than 200,000 local officials were charged with "upholding the Constitution" and that 1,522 Federal agents were engaged in enforcing the Volstead act. While it was not intended for the Federal force to engage in "petty police jobs," the report said, they made more than 80,000 arrests and seized property worth more than $4,000,000 during the last fifteen months.

Christmas Air Rifle Destroys Lad's Eye

Winston-Salem, Dec. 29.—Santa Claus brought the eight-year-old brother of Charles Aaron, aged seven, of near White Oak, among other things, a shiny air rifle. Charles and his brother enjoyed their toys and detection which jolly old Kris Kringle brought but they were fascinated by the air gun.

Early yesterday morning the gun was discharged accidentally while in the older brothers hand. The leaden pellet struck Charles in the left eye, necessitating its removal. Vision of the eight eye will not be affected, the attending physician believes.

PEACE PLAN AUTHOR GETS $50,000

Plan Favors Working With League of Nations and Entry Into World Court; Author to Get Another Similar Amount If Country Supports Plan.

New York, Jan 6.—The American peace award tonight announced that plan No. 1469 had been adjudged the best of 22,165 entered by Edward K. Bok, Philadelphia publicist for the best practical plan by which the United States might co-operate with other nations to prevent war.

In its essence this plan proposes first that the United States immediately should enter the permanent court of international justice, indorsed by the late President Harding, and, second, without becoming a member of the league of nations as at present constituted, should offer to co-operate with the league, under certain conditions, as a body of mutual counsel.

The identity of the author is unknown to the jury of award and policy committee, except one delegate member.

The authorship will not be disclosed until a nation-wide referendum has been taken to determine whether the plan meets with the support of Americans. This probably will not be until early next month.

Fifty thousand dollars is awarded the winner immediately. The rest of the prize goes to him if the country gives the plan its support.

The plan, in brief, as officially submitted to the public by the policy committee, follows:

"1. That the United States shall immediately enter the permanent court of international justice, under the conditions stated by Secretary Hughes and President Harding, in February, 1923.

"2 That without becoming a member of the league of nations as at present constituted, the United States shall offer to extend its present co-operation with the league and participate in the work of the league as a body of mutual counsel under conditions which:

"(A) Substitute moral force and public opinion for the military and economic force originally applied in articles 10 and 16;

"(B) Safeguard the Monroe doctrine;

"(C) Accept the fact that the United States will assume no obligations under the treaty of Versailles except by act of Congress;

"(D)) Propose that membership in the league shall be opened to all nations;

"(E) Provide for the continuing development of international law."

Elihu Root was chairman of the jury of award. Serving with him were: James Guthrie Harborn, Edward M. House, Ellen Pitz Pendleton, Roscoe Pound, William Allen White and Brand Whitlock. A statement accompanying the jury's decision, said in part:

"It is the unanimous hope of the jury that the first fruit of the mutual counsel and co-operation among the nations which will result from the adoption of the plan selected will be a general prohibition of the manufacture and sale of all materials of war."

5 PAINTED HAWKS, FOUND IN PHARAOH TOMB

Luxor, Egypt, Dec. 23.—The difficult task of removing the first of the three sections forming the roof of the immense golden canopy over King Tutankhamen's resting place was successfully carried out this morning without damage. The lid proved far heavier than had been imagined. In fact, the big front section of it removed today is said to weigh as much as one of the ponderous doors of the outer shrine.

The inside roof of the canopy was found to be beautifully decorated with a series of five brilliantly painted hawks, with their wings fully outspread as though to protect the monarch sleeping below. After much manipulation in the confined space at the disposal of the excavators the section of the roof was lifted out and placed on a wooden frame in the antechamber, where it was photographed.

Operations in the tomb today were protracted until 1:30 P. M. It had been hoped that the removal of the other two sections of the canopy would prove into reality, but Howard Carter said the work would be much delayed by the necessity of avoiding damage to the linen pall covering the sacred shrine.

WHERE'S OUR OTHER WOMAN?

Mount Airy is short one woman of having her full quota, according to the certified census report received from Washington Tuesday. And certain unattached bachelors are inquiring what has become of her? They know that none of them have stolen her away during the holidays, or before the census count.

According to the census figures Mount Airy has 2652 males and 2654 females, or just two more females than males. According to the average ratio of males to females in North Carolina Mount Airy should have three more women than men. What our unmarried citizenry is anxious to know is, what has become of our other woman?

Of the 508 Negro population in the city the females exceed the males by 20. According to the ratio of colored males to females in the rest of the state, our darky population is shy eight women. What's the matter with Mount Airy?

P. S.—The printer's devil upon seeing the proof of the above story wanted to know the street number of Mount Airy's two extra women—Editor.

BRYAN SUSPECTED OF YEARNING TO BE 4-TIME CANDIDATE

Politicians Discern Recurrent Ambition of Commoner Behind Pat Neff Band Wagon

Washington, Dec. 23.—Indorsement of Gov. Pat Neff by the Democratic State Central Committee of Texas for the presidential nomination is regarded by some of the Democratic leaders as part of a campaign by William Jennings Bryan to make himself the candidate in the event of McAdoo, Underwood, Smith and Ralston deadlocking the convention.

The forty votes of Texas are vitally necessary to McAdoo, and, until the announcement of Neff's candidacy it was supposed that Tom Love definitely had them lined up for him. If they can be deflected to Neff, a big step toward insuring a convention deadlock will have been accomplished.

Mr. Bryan has spoken favorably of Neff; in fact a good many people have hit on the Texas governor as the unnamed candidate that Bryan mentioned as conforming to the description of the man he had discovered who met all the specifications for a Democratic nominee.

Bryan recently was photographed with McAdoo and the impression went out that he was for the former Secretary of the Treasury, but if the forebodings about Neff's candidacy are justified, there is a string to the indicated support.

Neff's entrance into the lists and the consequent trouble for McAdoo in Texas can hardly be interpreted as being in favor of Underwood. Neff is an ardent dry for one thing, and for another Underwood assailed the Ku Klux Klan in his Houston speech, while Neff has confined his utterances on that subject to a denial that he was a member of the Klan.

The advent of a Texas favorite son is such a dis-service to McAdoo that the latter cannot be scheduled as the residuary legatee when the favorite son stage has passed; hence the guess that if Neff wins the delegation ultimately will go either for Bryan or for the man Bryan picks out.

Senator Owen of Oklahoma is to be a candidate again and Mr. Bryan is credited with helping along that candidacy also.

Giant Air Craft With Fifty Men Lost At Sea

Paris, Dec. 29.—Hope has been abandoned of finding any survivors from mude, and the government today began sending high officials to the families of the 50 victims to extend its sympathy and also to express its admiration for the heroic qualities of the airship's crew.

All available warships are being concentrated for an organized search of the Mediterranean in the vicinity of Sicily where the bodies of Lieut. du Plessis de Grenadan, commander of the Dixmude was found, and this search will be continued until it is quite certain that nothing more can be learned of the fate of the great dirigible that vanished in the night.

The Dixmude is officially regarded as lost at sea. All the French land forces in Africa as well as the civil authorities are on the alert for any information, but the search in the southern Algerian region was abandoned today, the searching parties being ordered to return to their posts.

CONTINENT IN GRIP OF COLD BLAST

Many Lives Lost as Zero Gales Suddenly Swoop Over Country

North Carolina, With Zero Weather, Experiences Coldest Wave in Number of Years; Rivers Full of Ice Water Pipes Burst, Radiators Frozen.

Not since 1918 has the Surry county section suffered so from cold as during the period from Saturday of last week until Monday of the present week. Following the sleet which set in on Wednesday and continued until sometime Thursday night a high wind from the west sprang up. By Saturday a wind freighted with icy chill was sweeping across the country with the fury of a tempest. The thermometer began to make a spectacular drop, in some localities registering a drop of 20 degrees inside of an hour.

The official thermometer of the government weather bureau at Mount Airy registered 16 degrees above zero Saturday evening at six o'clock, but during the night the mercury dropped to one degree above zero, where it stood when the reading was taken at six Sunday morning. This was the lowest temperature registered by the official thermometer here during the cold wave.

On every hand were frozen water pipes, with spurting jets of water and frozen and burst automobile radiators. Sunday several plumbers and automobile repairmen worked all day, while by morning, pipe fitters and radiator solderers were the most sought-after craftsment in the city. A few autos whose radiators were supposed to contain enough alcohol to prevent freezing were reports due being among those to suffer. J. L. Hampton, staff writer for a state paper, left his car in front of the Stewart Hotel Saturday night, only to find when morning came that the alcohol content of the radiator was insufficient. Both radiator and cylinder head were cracked. A number of cars on the streets showed steaming radiators from frozen pipes and imperfect circulation.

The local police report no deaths attributable to the cold, and, so far as they have been able to learn, no cases of destitution and extreme suffering.

Following so quickly upon the heels of a fall so warm as to be remarked about by everyone, this cold wave caught many people unprepared for it. To have their goldfish freeze solid in their aquariums, their apples in the basement become like bricks and their turnip greens and house plants "wilt" beyong recognition in a single night, is a record that will be recounted around firesides to children for years to come.

Sunday Yadkin river was floating great masses of "pancake" and mush ice, while on either bank a sheet of solid ice extended from 10 to 25 feet into the channel. Mitchell's river and Fish river showed less floating ice but those streams in still places were practically frozen over.

All North Carolina Suffers

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—With the mercury dropping to eight degrees below zero in the mountains and to 12 above on the coast, North Carolina today experienced one of the coldest days in several years. No deaths were reported as a result of the freezing weather.

Boone, in the mountains, appears to have been the coldest spot in the state, it being unofficially reported that the temperature there registered eight degrees below zero early today. It was four degrees below at Asheville and two below at Rutherfordton. Raleigh had a temperature of four above early today, while Wilmington reported 12 above.

Automobile traffic in Raleigh was demoralized during the day on account of the large number of cars being put out of commission by frozen radiators. One automobile repair shop reported that more than 400 cars had been brought in for repairs or damaged radiators today.

Freezing Temperatures in Northern Florida

Jacksonville, Fla. Jan. 6.—Freezing temperatures prevailed again today in northern Florida, with prospects of southward cold tomorrow. The cold wave, which so far has not penetrated far south, is due to reach central Florida tomorrow, with reports of damage of citrus fruit have been received by the weather bureau.

The mercury dropped to 32 degrees in Jacksonville at 8 o'clock this morning, but had risen six degrees 12 hour later. Pensacola reported the lowest January temperature in 45 years when the thermometer registered 16 degrees early this morning. The sun shone all day, however, and at 3 p. m. the mercury had risen to 39 with a predicted drop of nine degrees during the night. No damage was reported to citrus orange trees.

At Miami the lowest temperature was 68 and the highest 76 with rainy weather. At West Palm Beach the skies were overcast, and there was a light drizzle, the temperature ranging between 59 and 66. The weather bureau reported temperatures of 42 at Tampa at 8 a. m. and 40 at Orlando. Advices from Orlando said citrus fruit was being picked to avoid the possibility of freezing.

NORTHWEST IS HIT HARD

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Upward of a dozen deaths resulted today from one of the most severe cold waves that has swept the entire country in years, disrupting transportation and communication and causing untold suffering.

The north-central section was the greatest sufferer from the cold, Chicago and Illinois having low marks which have not been passed since 1905 while Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa also reported exceptional cold, some temperatures being the coldest in many years.

The coldest point in the United States today, according to unofficial reports was Virginia, Minn., where 39 degrees below zero was reported but this record was closely approached by Mankato, Minn., with 38 below and Gordon, Nebraska 37 below.

Tonight the death list in Chicago, where the lowest official reading today was 16 below, but where unofficial readings in suburbs reached 22 below, stood at 6. Three deaths had been reported at St. Louis, Mo., and at St. Paul a park policeman was frozen to death.

The Dakotas, Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa reported the lowest temperatures of the day. In Fargo, N. D. 35 below zero was reported, while several South Dakota points indicated 30 below, and colder. At Sioux Falls, the lowest was 24 below, at Huron 31 below and at Watertown 30 below. Norfolk, Nebraska, and Fort Dodge, Iowa, reported 22 below; Sioux City, Iowa, registered 25 below and Des Moines, 32 below.

La Crosse, Wisconsin, reported the lowest temperature in that state with 28 below, but according to reports from Milwaukee, the weather in certain parts of the state was such that milk deliveries were abandoned, bus service was discontinued and rail transportation delayed.

At St. Louis and Kansas City the coldest weather since 1918 was reported. At the latter point, the thermometer reached 15 below and at the former nine below. Salina, Kansas, was the coldest point in the state with 23 below.

Dad Settles Now When Son Employs Union Labor Plan

Jimmie Otis of St. Paul watched striking employees picketing a plant in his town and got an idea. His father, J. C. Otis, a St. Paul lawyer, was the victim of the boys' bunch.

Jimmie had done some work around the house and his father had agreed to pay him for it. That night Otis had no change. The next night it was the same, but in the morning the big idea burst. Jimmie painted a sign reading: "J. C. Otis, Attorney-at-Law Is Unfair to Labor," and became a walking sandwich man in front of his home. His dad upon seeing the sign paid him his money.

NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of W. J. Pendleton, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present same to us for payment on or before one year from this date or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 7th day of Jan. 1924.

W. J. Pendleton, Jr., Executor.