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LOCAL INTEREST

Rain tonight

For North Carolina: Rain tonight and Tuesday; Northeast winds, probably increasing.

Pastor Away.

Rev. W. Marshall Craig, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will be at Wilmington this week to conduct a series of services at Winter Park Baptist Church, where he was formerly pastor. Rev. H. W. Baucum of Morehead City will conduct Pastor Craig's services here Sunday.

God's Own Business.

People have no right to pray for the war to cease, declared Rev. George H. Jamie, until recently a chaplain in the British Indian army, in a sermon at Atkinson Memorial Presbyterian Church Sunday. The young minister, whose home is near Edinburgh, Scotland, said the conflict was planned by the Creator, that it is the result of sin, and that all mortals can do is to strive their utmost to carry out the will of God in all things, to the end that a better world may come out of the chaos and bloodshed. Mr. Jamie preached twice during the day. He was heard by fair congregations.

We Have Them With Us.

Dr. C. Banks McNairy in a day or two will issue an appeal to the local public to give generously to the State's orphans Thanksgiving Day. Dr. McNairy is a member of the State committee. At the Caswell Training School, of which he is superintendent, there are 90-odd orphans, he states. At the Baptists' Kennedy Memorial Home, Falling Creek, there are scores more. Every wage-earner in North Carolina is being asked to give one day's earnings. The County education authorities Monday endorsed a plan suggested by Dr. McNairy, to hold exercises in the Lenoir County schools the Friday before Thanksgiving.

Mr. Hall Here Sunday.

Mr. P. B. Hall, pastor of the New Bern Christian Church, occupied the pulpit of the Gordon Street Christian Church at both services Sunday. Mr. Hall was formerly pastor of the local church and his old friends gave him a cordial reception Sunday. He preached a most interesting and forceful sermon, impressing upon his hearers the importance of answering the calls of God that came to them. He said that the most essential thing for the Sunday School teacher, the church officer or other Christian worker was to become filled with the spirit of service. The ability to do was largely wasted unless the spirit was right, said he.

Selectman Loses Foot.

J. Thomas Moore, a member of the National Army, shot himself in the foot while hunting near Snow Hill late Saturday. Another man was with him. Moore's companion heard the report of the soldier's gun and looked around to see the victim sprawled on his hands and knees. Moore brought to Parrott Memorial Hospital here. It was stated Monday morning that the foot would have to be amputated. The selectman is prominently connected in Greene County. His relatives and friends assert that the shooting was purely accidental. Moore, who was home on a short furlough, seemed to be delighted with being in the service.

Can't Teach Him New Tricks.

Prof. Joseph Kinsey, superintendent of the County's schools, Monday morning found fault with the moonlight school as an educational institution. He expressed the opinion that the "old fools" who have grown hoary in ignorance should be allowed to continue in that state while the forces of education should bend

every effort toward preventing another crop of illiterates from the generation "coming on." There is ample work among the youngsters, he declared. An agent who called on the superintendent for assistance in disposing of books at \$1 a volume to aid in wiping out commercialized vice got scant encouragement. Superintendents of schools in Solomon's day and before that did not know what to do with the social evil, he declared, and it was too late in the day for him to get tangled up with the question.

Reviewers to Meet.

The reviewers will meet with Mrs. R. F. Hill, McLewean Street, Wednesday at 3:30 p. m.

THE COUNTY SCHOOLS.

Continued from page three) 12. Is your schoolroom protected from fire by having a mat underneath the stove?

Why the United States Is at War.

The sum of \$300 has been placed at the disposal of the National Board to be expended in prizes to the public school teachers of the State of North Carolina for the best essay on the above subject. It is proposed to offer the prizes as follows:

Group A—For teachers in public high schools.

First prize, \$75. Second to fifth, \$75.

Group B—For teachers in elementary schools.

First prize, \$75. Second to fifth, \$75.

Essay must be received at Washington, addressed to Waldo G. Leland, secretary, Washington, D. C., not later than Tuesday, January 1, 1918. Do not let Lenoir County fall behind in this contest.

Teachers' Assembly.

The North Carolina Teachers' Assembly will meet this year at Charlotte during the week of Thanksgiving. Make application now for a room if you are planning to go. The meeting this year will be of great interest and we should like to see Lenoir County well represented.

Athletic Council.

Members of the Lenoir County Athletic Council met at the office of the County Superintendent Saturday and perfected plans for the contests at the County commencement. Rules and regulations were drawn making the standard of scholarship a basis for entrance into the contests in basket-ball for boys and girls, volley ball, tennis, track, and games for the primary grades.

November Meeting.

The November meeting of the Lenoir County Teachers' Association will meet at Gordon Street Christian Church Saturday, November 24, at 10 o'clock. A full attendance is expected. The departmental meetings will be the main feature of the program. All teachers are asked to bring notebooks and pencils so as to take back some of the suggestions and helps gleaned from the meeting.

Compulsory Attendance.

The period for compulsory attendance of all school children between and including the ages of 8-14 begins December 1. These children must attend school for four consecutive months. Excuses of real sickness of the child are accepted. See to it that your pupils attend school regularly. Reports of absences must be sent in at the end of every week. Failure on the part of the parents to comply with the State law will be attended to by the Sheriff of the County. Talk with the parent and make sure that your school has all of its pupils in school every day of the school year.

Literary Societies.

Officers of the following societies have been reported this week:

Sharon—President, Martha Cameron; vice-president, Alton Dale; secretary, Dannie M. Wiggins; reporter, Ida May Langston.

Oak Dale—President, Rosa Whitley; vice-president, Isaac Worthington; secretary, Gladys Worthington; reporter, Lillian Whitley.

REAPER ACTIVE.

(Special to The Free Press) Bath, N. C., Nov. 17.—Three men have dropped dead in and near this village within a week's time. All succumbed to natural causes. S. H. Gay and F. J. Cahoon and an unidentified man who died in a store at Bayside were the decedents.

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