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## STATE FARMERS' UNION

**In Strong Resolution Protests Against Any Increased Appropriations—Legislation Sought.**

Durham, Nov. 18.—The State Farmers' Union closed its annual convention with a trip to Chapel Hill this afternoon, following a morning session that was devoted largely to passing a large number of resolutions on all kinds of questions. At Chapel Hill the farmers were the guests of the State University at a dinner served in Swain Hall. President E. K. Graham made a short talk to the farmers, telling them something of the work of the University and of its desire to co-operate with them in their work.

The farmers went squarely on record as being opposed to spending any more money for an increase in the Navy and the Army of the country. They were vigorous in their opposition to this policy of the President.

That the farmers will pay more attention to the selection of the candidates for the next Legislature was indicated in the final sections of the general resolutions, which were devoted to public affairs. The farmers were urged to scrutinize closely the records and the policies as well as beliefs and opinions of any and all candidates who offered themselves for public office. They want all attorneys connected with corporations to sever their connections with these corporations before they take a seat in the next General Assembly. They favor sending more farmers to the General Assembly.

The resolution further expresses the wish that the desires of the farmers shall be placed before the platform committees of the parties. The following legislation is asked for:

1. Repeal of the merchants' crop lien law.
  2. Provision for race segregation of land ownership.
  3. Reform of taxation system so that the taxes will be more equitably distributed along the lines suggested in the last amendments to the Constitution or some other methods.
  4. Incorporate rural communities.
  5. Initiative and referendum.
  6. An anti-usury law regulating banks and public service corporations.
  7. Give some official in North Carolina the right to regulate the insurance rates promulgated in the State.
  8. An adequate rural credits bill passed by the National Congress at its forthcoming session.
- Endorsement was given the Boys Road Patrol and its organization urged in the counties of the State. The farmers expressed themselves as opposed to the Legislature interfering with the judiciary, endorsed the proposition that the executive committee of this body be authorized to lease for the use of an industrial school designed to fit farmers' sons for college with an idea of keeping them on the farm to be established on the property belonging to the North Carolina Farmers' Alliance located near Hillsboro, on such terms as they may approve, provided that the Legis-

lature at its next session will make sufficient appropriations to place the school on a firm basis.

The selection of the place of the next meeting was left up to the executive committee, which will decide this matter some time in the next few months.

The union re-elected officers for the term of 1916: Dr. H. Q. Alexander, Mecklenburg county, president; Dr. J. M. Templeton, Wake county, vice president; E. C. Faies, Moore county, secretary-treasurer; J. Z. Green, Union county, organizer-lecturer.

### Conference Appointments.

The Western North Carolina Conference, which closed its session at Reidsville Monday, made the following appointments for the Morganton district:

J. E. Gay, presiding elder. Bald Creek, J. A. Fry; Broad River, C. C. Totherow, supply; Burnsville, M. T. Smathers; Cliffside, H. L. Powell; Connelly Springs-Rutherford College, B. Wilson; Forest City, J. A. Bowles; Green River, J. M. Barber, supply; Henrietta-Caroleen, M. B. Clegg; Marion Station, L. D. Thompson; Marion circuit, Elmer Simpson; Marion Mills, J. M. Ridenhour, supply; McDowell, M. W. Mann; Micaville, E. B. McLain, supply; Morganton Station, E. E. Williams; Morganton circuit, A. C. Swafford; Old Fort, A. Sherrill; J. B. Carpenter, supernumerary; Spruce Pine-Bakersville, J. P. Morris; S. L. Kirk, preacher; Table Rock, E. B. Troy; Thermal City; M. W. Heckard, supply; J. C. Richardson, supernumerary; professor in Rutherford College, W. T. Usey.

The Conference will meet in Gastonia next year.

### Camp Fire Girls.

At a business meeting of the Cullakeena Camp Fire Girls last week the following officers were elected: Miss Helen Lonon, president; Miss Margie White, vice-president; Miss Mary Hudgins, secretary; Miss Mary Griffin, treasurer; Miss Sara Margaret Neal, door keeper. After this the weekly meetings will be held each Saturday at three o'clock. The monthly social meetings will be held the evening of the first Monday in each month. All members not having paid their annual dues are requested to do so at once.

MARY HUDGINS, Sec'y.

### Cutting Affair Near Bridgewater.

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A cutting affair that may result fatally was the result of a little trouble at school between two boys at Bridgewater. A Ballew boy, son of Mr. John Ballew, and a son of Mr. Will Hemphill met at a cornshucking at a Mr. Morrison's near Bridgewater after having had trouble between themselves at school, and renewed their row. Young Ballew used his knife in the fight which followed, cutting the Hemphill boy just above the heart. Dr. B. L. Long was summoned immediately from Glen Alpine and rendered medical aid, but the last reports are that the boy is in a serious condition. Neither of the participants of the fight is over 15 years of age and the affair is to be deeply regretted.

## EDUCATIONAL COLUMN

Maud Barnard, Editor.

### Twentieth Century Club Makes Unique Thanksgiving Offering.

The Twentieth Century Club which met with Mrs. Sam L. Copeland last Friday afternoon discussed the elimination of adult illiteracy in North Carolina. The members pledged themselves to do all within their power to help with the Moonlight schools of this county. They were also very enthusiastic about introducing cooking and sewing into the Rural Schools of McDowell county and decided to present a four burner oil stove to the East Marion Cotton Mill school. At the next meeting they are planning a kitchen shower for this school and the school at Ashford.

### Notes.

Owing to illness in Mr. Elliott's family the ball game between Garden City and Stroudtown which was scheduled for last Saturday was postponed.

Supt. I. C. Griffin is attending the annual session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly in Raleigh this week. On Wednesday morning Mr. Griffin is leader of the Round Table conference at the joint meeting of the County Superintendents and High School Principals. Wednesday evening he is scheduled to respond to the address of welcome at the formal opening of the Assembly.

Miss Maggie Hudgins who is on the Assembly program will be unable to attend the meeting but her paper, "Ways in Which the Kindergarten May Help the Primary Teacher," will be read by Miss Scott, before the Association of Kindergarten Teachers on Thursday morning.

Invitations have been issued to the formal opening of the Old Fort High School Friday evening, Oct. 17th. A number of Marion people are planning to attend.

Ashford school report good attendance and that the monthly meeting of the Music club last Saturday night was well attended.

Among the teachers attending the assembly this week are Misses Mary Poteat, Blanche Houck, Mattie Tate, Addie Elliott, Cora Lou Butt, Mary McKoy, Maude Harris and Ellen Crawford.

Mr. L. L. Hargrave, principal of Nebo High school, is in Raleigh this week for the meeting of High School principals.

Misses Kilpatrick, Banner and Gentry, Avery county teachers, spent Sunday night in Marion, enroute to Raleigh.

The County Superintendent's office will be closed all of this week as the superintendent and supervisor are both required to attend the Teachers' Assembly.

Miss Dora Eplie, who is teaching at Curfew, reports a good Moonlight school at her place.

### Mad Dog.

Whereas, mad dogs have been preying upon other dogs in Marion: Therefore, Be it ordained, that no dog shall be permitted to run at large within the corporate limits of Marion, unless securely muzzled, for a period of sixty days from this date. Any dog so permitted to run at large without muzzle, shall be killed. This Nov. 17th, 1915. By Order of Board of Aldermen. JNO. W. STREETMAN, Mayor.

### Bees Will Starve.

Mr. E. G. Carr, bee specialist, of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., spent a week in McDowell and gave interesting talks to bee-keepers at a number of places throughout the county. "Because the past season has been unfavorable for bees, many have not been able to store enough honey for their own use during the winter and unless fed by the bee-keeper will perish from starvation," Mr. Carr says. "Since all indications point to next season being a good one for bees," he continued, "the bee-keepers who provide the necessary food to keep the bees through the winter will be well repaid for the outlay of time and money."

"Each 'gum' should have at least twenty pounds of honey to last the bees until they can gather honey next spring, and 25 pounds would be better. Any 'gum' which does not have twenty pounds of stores can have the lack supplied by feeding the bees a syrup made of two parts of granulated sugar to one part of hot water. This syrup is best fed in friction top tin buckets, or syrup cans, by punching a large number of small holes about the size of a darning needle in the lid, and after filling the bucket with the warm syrup and the lid is in place, inverting the bucket on top the frames in an empty hive body where frame or 'patent gums' are used, or if log or plank gums are used, place the inverted bucket over the combs after the gum top has been removed, covering temporarily with a sack to keep out other bees. Feeding should be done just before dark to avoid trouble from bees robbing."

"One pound of sugar will make about one pound of stores when the syrup is worked over and stored by the bees. The amount necessary to make up any lack of stores should be fed at one time if possible."

### R. V. T. Riddle Dead.

Morganton, Nov. 19.—News was received here yesterday of the death of Robert Vance Tate Riddle, formerly an attorney of Morganton, at the home of his parents at Pensacola, N. C.

He was a graduate of Wake Forest and entered his profession here several years ago in the firm of Huffman & Riddle and had a promising career; but in a few months after his health failed he was compelled to give up and go to his home, where his health gradually grew worse.

He was a brother to Dr. J. B. Riddle, a practicing physician in Morganton, and also to Harry Riddle, druggist at the North Carolina State Hospital.

### G. T. G. Club.

Miss Annie Laurie Blanton was hostess to the G. T. G. club last Saturday evening between the hours of seven and ten at a Hearts Dice party. The delicious salad course was served by the hostess and her sister, Miss Nelle Blanton. Those present were Misses Ellen and Ethel Crawford, Joyce Decker, Nelle Shepherdson, Maggie Hudgins, Jennie Davis, Annie Little, Mary Gordon Greenlee, Maud Barnard, Rena Neal, Maud Harris and Mrs. Minnie Blanton.

## FACTS ABOUT TAXABLES

**Real and Personal Property in McDowell Valued at \$3,099,658—Town Lots, \$532,227.**

As the tax books have been made out and are ready for collection, it will be of interest to McDowell people to know something of the source from which McDowell county and the state secure revenue. Facts about the home county are always interesting, and a study of the county's wealth will be of interest.

There are 271,923 acres of farm lands in the county, valued on the tax books at \$1,514,755. The number of town lots given in in the county is 1,803, valued at \$532,227. The total value of all real estate is placed at \$2,236,432.

There are 612 horses, valued at \$42,397; 1,466 mules valued at \$79,821; 13 jacks and jennies, valued at \$507. The number of cattle given in is 4,702, valued at \$61,808; number of hogs 3,075, valued at \$12,268; number of sheep, 374, valued at \$435; 9 goats, valued at \$10, and 70 dogs, valued at \$247. The value of farming utensils is given in at \$17,167; carriages and buggies, harness, etc., \$11,921. Office furniture and warehouse fixtures for taxation is given at \$2,205; tools of mechanics, \$4,656. Value of household and kitchen furniture, provisions, etc., \$61,542. Libraries and scientific instruments, \$2,622. Money on hand, \$15,917. Solvent credits, \$141,222. Value of automobiles, motorcycles and bicycles, \$9,565. Jewelry, wares, merchandise, etc., valued at \$401,822. Taxable shares in corporations outside of State, \$250.

The aggregate value of real and personal property is \$3,099,658. The value of railroads and other corporations is \$2,806,775. Grand total, \$6,129,652. Total revenue of the county and state, \$76,695.01, an increase of \$9,465.23 over last year.

The number of polls is 1,932.

The total value of real estate in Marion \$1,079,525, and the value of personal property is \$313,830. The number of town lots is 1,312, valued at \$407,535.

Guyon Whitten, who suffered an attack of acute appendicitis last Sunday, is improving.

### Dogs, Failing to Kill When Mad.

"If the owner of any dog shall know, or have good reason to believe, that his dog, or any dog belonging to any person under his control, has been bitten by a mad dog, and shall neglect or refuse immediately to kill the same, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars to him who will see therefor; and the offender shall be liable to pay all damages which may be sustained by any one, in his property or person by the bite of any such dog, and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined not more than fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days."

No. 3805 of the 1905 Revision.

This law will be strictly enforced.

J. R. MURPHY,

Town Marshal.

### SPECIAL NOTICE!

All interested persons are hereby notified that the Catawba Valley Light and Power Company has not sold its site and other property at and above Morgan Shoals on the Catawba river, or granted an option to any party or parties. The Catawba Valley Light and Power Company proposes to begin construction work upon the plant at an early date.

CATAWBA VALLEY LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY.

By H. L. MILLNER,