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PURPOSE AND BENEFIT

OF THE FARM LIFE SCHOOL BY HON. J. Y. JOYNER, STATE SUPT. OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

(Continued.)

In this and other ways such a would indeed prove a continual dynamo of agricultural interest and farm-life instruction and inspiration. Through it the larger agencies of the A. and M. College, the State Department of Agriculture, and the National Department of Agriculture could operate more effectively and successfully, and the interest aroused by these larger agencies could be husbanded, applied, and permanently continued. The work of the school could be correlated with the college, and many a boy and girl would be inspired by the taste of better things to drink more deeply at the larger fountain ever flowing in copious streams in their colleges and to prepare themselves for special leadership.

Such a school would become a county training school for the rank and file of the rural school teachers, in agricultural as well as literary subjects. The head of the agricultural department of such a school would be made the supervisor of agricultural instruction in all the public schools of the county, and in co-operation with the county superintendent, through instruction of the county teachers in the meeting of their county teachers' association, and through visitation of the schools with the county superintendent from time to time, could aid in creating a farm-life atmosphere in the rural schools, and in bringing into them such simple elementary instructions in agriculture as would be made practical and effective through intelligent and interested teachers under intelligent instruction. It would be altogether possible and practicable for successful work in agriculture, cooking, sewing, and other housekeeping subjects to be carried on under supervision of the teachers of the county farm-life school on a smaller scale in other high schools of the county, and perhaps in a number of the other public schools, especially in the local-tax schools with two or more teachers.

The whole lump would finally be leavened. Intelligence would demand and more money would command for country life, good roads, good schools, good churches, good vehicles, and the thousand of comforts and conveniences that break up the isolation of country life and bring into it all the best of city life without its worst. Thus, indeed, by training the children to find and make the most of the countless treasures God has hidden in soil and stream, in rock and tree, in plant and air and cloud, would the country life be transformed into the ideal life, and country men and women enter into the inheritance prepared from the beginning for them—a healthful life of freedom, fullness, sweetness, peace and beauty. Then will men desire it more, seek it more, and live it more contentedly and happily.

Some will say that the picture is overdrawn. Not so. It but inadequately portrays what we have already seen the beginning of in other favored portions of our own land. Only through the portals of such a school as we have endeavored to describe can our own country boys and girls enter into and possess this

promised land lying all about them. Shall we provide it, or shall we not? The cost of the school will be as nothing compared with the richness in money and in life that they will bring through the passing years. If we can but start them now and set them at their everlasting work, the battle will be won, for the people, seeing and enjoying their beneficent work, will be more able and more willing to give for their maintenance and enlargement as the years go by. These schools will become an organic part of the county school system and make it easier to secure the means and the interest for the successful maintenance of the entire system.

County schools of this sort are in successful operation in many States of the Middle West. Perhaps the most successful are those in the State of Wisconsin, which are very similar to those provided for in this act for North Carolina. About ten years ago they began with one such school in Wisconsin. It took hold of life and conditions in the country as they existed, busied itself with the practical everyday problems and tasks of farm life and work and with finding practical and more profitable ways of doing these. It had to win its way slowly. The farmers of the county in which it was located had to be convinced of its value and necessity by results obtained, by the practical benefits they observed and derived from its work.

As the farmers of the county in which it was located saw and felt the uplifting and transforming power of its work in their homes and on their farms, they rallied enthusiastically to its support, and it became their pride. Farmers of other counties began to take notice of its successful work, and some of the more intelligent of them began to demand a similar school and to work for it. There are now twenty-seven of these schools in different sections of the State of Wisconsin. They form the most effective means for disseminating among the masses of the people a knowledge of farming and farm life, that has been worth already millions of dollars in increased products on account of their improved quality; and Wisconsin has been transformed into one of the leading agricultural States of this country, though her natural advantages of soil and climate do not compare with those of North Carolina. What these schools have been worth in the transformation of the life in the farm homes, through the knowledge and training given to hundreds of country girls in these schools, cannot be measured in paltry dollars. These schools, therefore, are no longer an experiment, but a demonstrated success in other States.

THE DEMAND FOR IT.

Forty thousand farmers, through the farmers' unions of the State, asked for these schools, indorsed this act, and through committees of the State Farmers' Union earnestly presented to the General Assembly their request for its enactment. The teachers and county superintendents of public instruction of the State, by resolutions and committees of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly and of the State Association of County Superintendents, unanimously asked for these schools and urged the passage of the bill

JOHN BROWN SHOT BY JOE ZACHARY.

At a school commencement at the "Hog and Hominy" school house in Canada township, Friday night, John Brown was shot and probably fatally wounded by Joe Zachary.

From the meagre information received it seems that Brown, Zachary and some other young men were riding along the road, when Brown missed his pocket book containing something over an hundred dollars. He accused some one of the crowd of having stolen it and wanted to search the members of the crowd. This angered Zachary and some words followed when Zachary drew his gun and shot Brown twice, the first shot glancing his head and the second entering his jaw, ranging downward and severing his windpipe lodging in his right lung.

Zachary made his escape and has not yet been apprehended.

Brown is the son of Julius Brown and is 23 years of age and unmarried. Zachary is about the same age and has a wife. Both men, it is said, had been drinking.

The physicians have little hope of Brown's recovery.

Later reports are to the effect that Brown died Tuesday night from the effects of his wounds.

Every effort is being made by the sheriff and his assistants to apprehend the slayer and it is generally believed that he will be in the hands of the authorities within a short time.

A DELIGHTFUL OCCASION

On Monday, February 2nd, a company of invited guests assembled at the home of Judge D. D. Davies to do honor to him upon his eighty-eight birthday. A beautiful dinner was served. It was greatly enjoyed. Misses Kathleen Conroy and Annie Simpson gracefully attended to the wishes of the guests, while the "Judge" and Mrs. Davies and other members of the family were charming hosts.

At the close of the meal, a pretty cake was placed before the "Judge." Upon the cake were burning brightly eight candles in an outer circle and in an inner circle eight shorter candles, while the number 88 was done attractively in large white figures on the top of the cake. The Judge cut the cake like a young cavalier amid the cheerful and witty remarks of the guests.

Professor Abernethy was asked to act as toast-master and several glowing tributes were paid to the character of him in whose honor the dinner was given.

Those present were, Professor and Mrs. Reynolds, Professor and Mrs. Abernethy, Professor H. B. Jones, Professor Dean, Mrs. Brinson, Miss Young, Mr. and Mrs. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Conroy, Misses Conroy, Miss Simpson, Mr. Hall and the members of the Judge's immediate family.

SYLVA BOARD OF TRADE

A number of the citizens of Sylva believing that the time and the opportunity has come for making Sylva a splendid town have organized a Board of Trade in order to effect this object. These citizens have faith in their project of building greater Sylva. This, however can

not be accomplished without concert of action and a united front. Let every progressive man put his shoulder to the wheel and determine never to relax in diligence. Let no citizen try to shift his individual responsibility upon the other man.

Every good citizen in Sylva and in Jackson is needed in The Board of Trade to accomplish the work in hand. The Board also needs the unremitting enthusiasm of every member at every meeting. The officers alone can not do the work. The Board of Trade has placed itself on record as favoring all moral reforms and backing up the town officials in carrying forward all judicious and needed improvement for the town.

Let no citizen consider his personal interest as paramount to the general interest of the town but let the whole people come together and do what they conceive to be for the best interest of the town. The Board of Trade invites every citizen of Sylva and Jackson County and others who are interested in the growth of Sylva to become a member of the Board.

W. H. RHODES

MEETS THE 22ND.

Bryson City, N. C., Feb. 2, 1914. Jackson County Journal: A meeting of the program committee of the W. N. C. Bible Conference is hereby called to meet in the Baptist church in Sylva on Sunday the 22nd day of this month at 3 p. m. for the purpose of arranging plans for the next Bible Conference, which will convene the first day of next August.

The arrangement of program and the engagement of speakers will be the important feature of this meeting. Let every committeeman be present, and any others who are interested. Let us look forward and plan for a great Bible Conference in August.

T. F. DEITZ, General Manager.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME

Tuesday night the 3 of Feb. the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb. Cook of Beta was destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Cook was spending the night with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Davis, and Mr. Cook passed the house about 11 o'clock that night and it was all right but before he got to the home of Mr. Davis, a distance of about three fourth of a mile. He noticed the flames and by the time he reached the house it was too late to save anything in the house.

The origin of the fire is not known, as there had not been any of them at home since early that morning.

RECEPTION TO HARRISON.

President Fairfax Harrison of the Southern Railway Company will be the guest, of the Greater Western North Carolina Association and the several Boards of trade of this section, at a meeting to be held in the city of Asheville on Monday February 23 at 3:30 p. m.

Later in the evening a banquet will be given by the association at which the people will be given an opportunity to meet Mr. Harrison, as many of the people as is possible are urged to be present.

FACULTY NAMED FOR THE SUMMER CAMP

PLANS OF THE CAMP OUTLINED IN THE AUGUSTA CHRONICLE—EDUCATORS ARE PROMINENT.

The following clipping from the Augusta Chronicle containing information concerning the complete faculty which will be in charge of Camp Jackson, will be read with interest in Western Carolina:

"Superintendent Lawtor B. Evans of the public school system of Augusta; Professors Jordan H. Sanford, J. T. Spears, W. D. Sanford, of this city, and Prof. C. H. Bruce, superintendent of the public school system of Macon Ga., and a former Augustan, have organized into a board of directors for the purpose of opening a summer camp-school for boys in the mountains of North Carolina, the Land of the Sky.

"The summer school is to be located at Sylva, N. C., and is to be open for those boys between the ages of 10 to 20 years who have conditions hanging over them from their last year's term, as well as ambitious students. It is also to aid young men who feel that they need further information long the line of their study. The opening day of the school will be July 1st and it will close August 26th, thereby giving the scholar almost two full months of study, together with an invaluable amount of training in the way of athletics.

"The School will be known as 'Camp Jackson.' For the boy who desires to become a leader in athletics or his studies, these two months work while his comrades are taking their vacations, will put him in the best of athletic as well as mental conditions, and he will be enabled to lead the class from the beginning of the next scholastic year.

"The camp will be located in a picturesque little valley amid the mountains, where trout abound in the numberless streams and brooks that purl and croon their ways to the lowlands beneath. Supports aquatic and otherwise can be enjoyed to the heart's content, as there is an excellent track for field sports as well as spacious ponds of the clearest of crystal water in abundance.

"Then, too, the climatic conditions are of the finest. The atmosphere pure and free, as invigorating, exhilarating and animates the boys with a spirit fit for both study and sport. After all the study periods will be short, but to the point, and it will be like taking two months' vacation in the mountains instead of at the seashore or some other place not half so delightful. The finest material for professors in athletics as well as in study will be engaged, as the faculty of the school and sports and athletics of all kinds will be a feature of the summer school.

"Professor Jordan H. Sanford known and admired by all who know him, will be the head of the faculty in both departments. The reputation Professor Sanford has made in this city in both the line of sports and academic studies will assure him of a large number of pupils during the summer at his new summer school."

Floyd Bryson and sister Miss M. m. of Franklin are the guests of Mrs. Theo. Buchanan of this city.

The Eastern Star, of Sylva, entertained Mrs. Geo. Bidwell of Franklin, N. C. Grand Worthy Matron, of the western district of the Eastern Star.