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WHY MORE TAXES?

THE REASON

The Publicity Committee of the Parent-Teachers' Association suggests the following considerations for those who have raised the question why there should be an advance in the local tax rate for school purposes during the next year.

There have been more than 200 children enrolled in the school this year, the greater part of whom are resident children. The highest enrollment for any single date has been 176, of whom not more than 7 come from outside the district, and not more than 12 are winter transients. The present enrollment, largely local in character is 170, and the current indications point to a local school population for next September of 200 pupils. This number is more than probable, since there are pupils resident in the town who for various reasons are not now in attendance, who will re-enter in September.

The present arrangement of the building and the present number on the teaching staff necessitate the division of pupils in lots of two grades to one room and one teacher, a situation rendering impossible the efficient handling and instruction of the separate grades, and preventing the execution of any definite scheme of departmental work in music and drawing. The schedule of every teacher is full during every minute of the school session, and as a result there is no proper provision for play and recreation periods so necessary to the pupils health and efficiency during school hours. The academic work is limited to a minimum number of subjects in each grade so that essential subjects receive a bare minimum of time, and there remains to the teacher no opportunity to carry on supervised study—more important in the case of grade work than recitation. No improvement in these directions is possible unless the staff is enlarged to the point of providing a teacher for every elementary grade.

The situation in the high school is no better. In order to provide a four year course broad enough to be of service to all classes of students, a staff consisting of two teachers giving full time and are teacher giving at least half-time would be necessary. The growth of the high school will make a demand next year for four full years of high school work, and the present staff is inadequate; so much so, that valuable courses are either omitted or given a bare minimum of time under the present arrangement.

A school which is to measure up to present educational standards must have as the basis of its organization an elementary system having a teacher for every grade, selected for special qualifications, and able to devote time to the organization and instruction of the particular group in the grade, with opportunity for supervision of study, for special supervised play periods, and for carrying on departmental work in music and drawing as planned and supervised by a special departmental teacher. It is a grave error to deprive the children of any community of the opportunity to secure specialized instruction in music and drawing during the years of elementary school life. The cultural gain would be immense and the effect on the morale of the pupils would be reflected in the whole community.

It becomes evident, then, that if the policy "a room and a teacher for every elementary grade" is adopted, a substantial increase in school funds is a necessary pre-requisite. Further, no teacher but the best available is a good investment, and to obtain such teachers will require a maximum salary apportionment. Still further, no scheme of financing the operation of such a school would be complete unless it provided a surplus each year to go into a sinking fund for future use, for improvements, additions, and new buildings. A good school, like a good town, will continue to grow.



A WOODLAND PATH

Mrs. Angie Gordon Tobin

Friends in Southern Pines were saddened Tuesday to learn of the death of Mrs. Frank Tobin, better known as Angie Gordon. Mrs. Tobin has been a sufferer for years with asthma and has been ill several months with an abscess on the lung. She grew steadily weaker and was taken to Charlotte expecting to undergo an operation, but heart failure occurred before the operation could be performed.

Mrs. Tobin leaves a husband and daughter Lillian who have the sympathy of many friends in Southern Pines.

The remains were taken from Charlotte directly to New Hampshire for burial.

A Missionary Tea.

The ladies of the Congregational Church will entertain their friends in the church parlor, Tuesday afternoon, March 12th. Miss Carolyn Sewall, a missionary from China, will address the ladies at 3:30 o'clock. A social hour and tea will follow. Every one is invited.

Illustrated Lecture.

Miss Carolyn Sewall, a missionary of the Woman's Board in Tientsin, China, who is home on her first furlough, will give an illustrated lecture at the Congregational Church Monday night, March 11th, at 8 o'clock. Miss Sewall has many interesting scenes of Chinese life. Every one is invited. An offering will be taken for mission work.

Honor Roll

Month of March, 1921, attendance honor roll—61 neither absent nor tardy. Academic honor roll—average of grades over 90: Waitland Grover, highest, Stuart Cameron, Frances Spencer, Helen Thompson, Eileen Loomis, William Woodward, Elsie May Hewitt, John Duncan Chisholm. Examination Highest Honor, Anna Belle Scarborough.

R. CLINTON PLATT,
Superintendent.

A MYSTERIOUS MEETING

And Some of the Leaders Won't Say Where it is to be Held

There is a rumor afloat of a meeting to be held by the "Broad Street Business Men" this Friday evening to consider ways and means of laying a hard surface pavement on Broad street, enlarging and extending the water supply and sewer systems, and incidentally framing a slate of candidates for Mayor and Board of Town Commissioners for the coming election in May.

There appears to be considerable mystery in regard to this meeting and it would appear from the topics to be discussed that EVERY VOTER AND TAX PAYER IN SOUTHERN PINES SHOULD HAVE A VOICE IN THE MEETING.

The Citizen HOPES to have a full account of this meeting in next week's issue if it is possible to ascertain the place of meeting and the course of action decided upon for the "Improvement of the town."

New Cottages at Knollwood

Mr. and Mrs. Bloodgood, who have been occupying the Hunter Eckart cottage this winter, have left for their home in New Jersey. They like the Pines so well that they have decided to enter the ranks of cottage owners, and have purchased three lots at Knollwood, adjoining those of Mr. Barber. On these they plan to erect at once a bungalow, plans for which have drawn by Mr. Embury. The latter has also planned another cottage, to be built at Knollwood for some friends of the Bloodgood's.

Card of Thanks

People do read the Sandhill Citizen. Thank you, whoever is responsible for repairing the Southern Pines-Pinehurst Road in response to the request of a week ago calling attention to a very bad bumpy spot in the Road. It is improved.

A Constant User

GOLF CLUB NEWS

Emmett French, the Prof. of the Club has closed his season here and left Monday for White Sulphur Springs where he will enter a tournament and then assume his duties as summer Prof. at his usual place at Youngstown. While his friends here would have liked to see him in the front rank at Pinehurst Saturday, they get lots of satisfaction in the fact that he finished in a tie with Joe Kirkwood, the Australian open Champion, and Walter Hagen, former U.S. Champion.

The Club is making an improvement that will be greatly appreciated. They plan to abandon the number 12 green on the westerly side of the railroad track and make a few changes which will keep it on the easterly side. This has never been a very satisfactory green as the railroad track had to be crossed twice and the up keep was very expensive to the Club owing to the heavy wash of sand at each rain storm.

Bob Hayes is making good progress toward becoming a real professional and if hard work and practice mean anything Bob should get there all right and his many friends have a lot of confidence in his future success.

The early morning is securing much attention as a time for golfing and quite a number are availing themselves of the delightfully cool air. Hon. Robert N. Page and his son are among the latest converts to this idea and are up with the birds picking up "birdies."

The links seem to have about the same number each day and the average is holding good. About as many new players arrive as leave to go home.

There are about 20 players just holding on to get a chance to play Bill Allen once before they go North. In previous years he closed the Pinehurst laundry in order to play golf, but he says the Family Laundry of Southern Pines is "doing a land office business and he can't leave it even to sing Tipperary."

Card Party And Dance at the Southland

One of the pleasantest affairs of the season was the card party and dance given at the Southland Hotel on Friday evening last by the Civic Club and the Boy Scouts. The combination of interests and patronage led to a mingling of young and old, and the plans for entertainment made it easy for all to have a good time. From eight to ten, while the older folks were playing cards in the parlors, the younger ones were enjoying a dance, the dining-room, which had been converted into a most attractive ball-room; music being furnished by Mr. Platt and Miss Erson. At ten, delicious ice cream and cake were served, after which everybody adjourned to the ball-room, where the Highland Pines Orchestra played such alluring music that the room was filled with dancers until midnight.

The proceeds, amounting to about one hundred and fifty dollars, will be divided equally between the Club and the Scouts.

LAST CALL

The Registration Book is now open at my office, and I wish to call the attention of the voters to the fact that all who have not registered must do so if they wish to vote. I especially wish to remind the ladies, as they have not had an opportunity to register for a town election before and they may wish to have a representative on the Board.

Respectfully,
J. M. WINDHAM, Registrar.