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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITIZENS' CONFERENCE ON EDUCATIONAL MATTER

held in Greensboro last week—A Public Meeting Should Be Called in Oxford at an Early Date to Take Up This Problem.

Without doubt the greatest Educational Conference ever held in the State met in Greensboro last week for the purpose of making plans for a great State System in keeping with the needs and wealth of the State. The presence of a large number of the State's leading business men made it much more than a meeting of the Educational forces as has so often been the case. This speaks well for the future of the program worked out by the Conference as it will be put into operation only through the wholehearted support of the citizens.

Commissioner Claxton with representatives of the Bureau of Education was present with wise counsel from the national standpoint. Gov. T. W. Bickett, Mr. Clarence Poe, the leading College Presidents and prominent State leaders both men and women were present.

At the beginning of the meeting special committees were appointed to take up the problems and prepare reports for the Conference. As soon as this work was done a committee of twenty-five was appointed to draw up a summary, giving prominence to the most vital problems of the State with the suggestion as to a solution. A brief summary of the work of this committee will be given in this article.

1. That teachers be paid by the calendar month for twelve months at a salary in keeping with the work of the teacher and the responsibilities. The schedule of the State had already been adopted by Oxford.

2. That provision be made for closer supervision and checking of the work of the schools.

3. That the school be made the community center for all sorts of work along educational and recreational lines.

4. That more adequate provision be made for the care of the health of the school child by providing school nurses and medical inspection and treatment. Oxford should employ a school nurse and see that actual treatment is provided where needed.

5. That the State should provide a Director of Physical Education.

6. That Public School Music should be taught in every school. Oxford will have a full time teacher of music from this time on.

7. That provisions be made for the backward and the very bright children in every school.

8. That provision be made for special work in all of the Sciences and Physical Education.

9. That a physical Director be employed for the village and town school and that suitable equipment be provided for the work.

10. That the General Assembly be memorialized to make provision in some way to raise sufficient funds to meet the fair salary schedule for teachers.

11. That the Conference endorse the revaluation act.

12. That the erection and maintenance of Teachers' Homes be urgent and is in keeping with good business judgment. Oxford must take this step as soon as possible.

These brief statements can only suggest the great vision shown in the work of this great body of North Carolina citizens interested in the welfare of the State School System, now facing its most critical period.

From a local standpoint every one of these suggestions should be put into operation just as soon as it is possible to do so. Plans for the greatest School system in the State are now being considered at Oxford and they can be carried out only by a very hearty support on the part of the public in the way of funds. It will be the purpose of the School Board to operate a first class school upon the most business like basis possible and ask the community to bear the expense.

The salary schedule has already been adopted and it is in keeping with the plan of the State. The Board is assured of the amount from the State and County provided the local funds provide an equal amount for the extra three months. It will operate the schools on the new basis of increased cost and efficiency.

There are two phases of the salary problem, but only one has had much attention thus far. This one is that of the welfare of the teacher and it should receive all the attention that it deserves. It must be remembered, however, that there are only fifteen thousand teachers in North Carolina, all of whom could under necessity go into some other work, while there are over eight hundred thousand children who must be trained. They cannot escape that in any way. This is the real problem of salary for the teachers. There will be thirty teachers in the Oxford School system next year and over twelve hundred children. Where should the sound thinking man will say, with the large and most vital body. The community cannot afford to lose its good teachers because of poor salaries as well as the teacher can afford to go somewhere else for a living. When our people see that a changed attitude there will be a changed attitude.

A public meeting should be called in Oxford at an early date to take up this problem.

ACTION OF SUFFRAGE IN LOUISIANA DELAYED

Baton Rouge, La., May 12.—If Louisiana becomes the thirty-sixth state to ratify the federal woman suffrage amendment, the action will not be taken before next week.

Spirited contests for speaker of the house and president pro tempore of the senate developed unexpectedly when the legislature convened Monday, which delays action.

OUR STREETS, ON WHICH BEAUTY ABOUNDS

The Parkways Are Not Only Ornamental, But They Are the Means of Saving Life and Limb.

The parkways in the center of Main, Spring and Williamsboro streets at this season of the year are beautiful to behold.

It is doubtful if the members of the Oxford Woman's Club who adorned the streets with shrubbery were aware that they were adding so much beauty to the landscape. It is evident, however, that their souls had dwelt in the flowery kingdom long before the planting was done.

When the parkways were being laid out in the middle of the streets, and the cement and curbing placed around them, there were not a few men in Oxford who objected to "paying taxes for any such foolishness."

It will be remembered that the propertyholders on College street were importuned to have a parkway in the center of their street, extending from the intersection of Hillsboro street to the Oxford orphanage.

"It will be bad enough," said a well-known citizen, "without creating a place in the middle of the street for the propagation of jimson weeds and cockleburrs."

If College street, with its graceful incline, had its parkway, the same as the one on Main street, it would be the prettiest thoroughfare in all creation. College street is beautiful as it is, and it is greatly admired by hundreds of tourists who pass through Oxford and never see Main or Spring streets, where beauty and the fragrant flowers abound.

These parkways are not only ornamental, but they are the means of saving life. On College street, where there is no parkway in the middle of the street, the speed demon delights to see how close he can drive to the other man's car without knocking the wheels off. The law of the road is to always drive to the right. There is not much danger on a street where the driveway is divided by a parkway, unless the demon dashes into the rear end of your car.

There were ten automobile accidents, or near accidents, in Oxford last Sunday, and all of them occurred on wide streets, or on streets that have no parkways.

THE NINTH GRADE ENJOYS AN OUTING

In the afternoon of Friday, May the seventh, the members of the Ninth Grade of Oxford High School, enjoyed a most delightful picnic. In the face of threatening clouds, the jolly crowd left for Tar River, on a truck driven by Mr. Willie Ellington, who so kindly consented to do his share in the merry-making. The chaperones, Miss Laura Clement, Miss Carrie Fuller, Miss Jeannette Biggs, Miss Helen Harper and Mr. G. B. Phillips conducted the picnic in perfect order. After arriving at their destination, many games were played and enjoyed by all. Singing, playing and joking interested the young people until a most appetizing feast was spread.

After singing a farewell song to the grounds of their afternoon's enjoyment, the happy crowd once more boarded the truck and rode merrily on their journey homeward; singing as they went. Arriving once again in Oxford, the children gave many yells to the chaperones and to their guest of honor, Mr. C. Thayer. They then dispersed after an afternoon of pleasure, with hopes for other such trips in the future.

VETERAN DAVID CREWS DECORATES A COMRADE

After all it does seem that the old veterans of the War Between the States live in a world all to themselves. The younger generation may talk to them and cheer them up, and they seem pleased, but the real joy comes when two or three of them meet and talk of the days that tried men's souls.

A little incident occurred this week that was sublime in its nature. Two old veterans, Messrs. David Crews and B. I. Breedlove, were the only occupants of a short bench in front of the court house. They were talking about the Civil War and the reconstruction days that followed.

Mr. Crews reached into his pocket and brought out a little box about an inch square and held it up in front of Mr. Breedlove and said:

"Ike, I hold in my hand a little token which I hope you will accept in the spirit in which it is given."

Mr. Breedlove took the box, adjusted his eyeglasses and fished down in the cotton and withdrew a neat masonic pin, on which was the square and compass.

"David," said Mr. Breedlove, "I do accept it in the spirit in which it is given," and his voice grew husky and he bowed his head.

LAST STRONGHOLD OF CARRANZA GOVERNMENT WILL SURRENDER TODAY

Brownsville, Texas, May 13.—Matamoros, the last stronghold of the Carranza government along the Texas-Mexican border, will be surrendered to the revolutionists by 9 a. m. tomorrow. This was formally announced tonight following a series of conferences between Gen. E. Reyes, revolutionary representative and General Rafael Colunga, Carranza commander of Matamoros.

THE COUNTY ROAD NEEDS MENDING IN SOME PLACES

The Holes Should Be Filled and the Dirt Packed Down.

Those who are accustomed to travel over the County, state that the roads in many places are full of holes. One of the complaints is to the effect that the road scraper fills the holes with soft dirt, which appears to have a smooth surface and when the wheels of a car or buggy strikes it at a moderate rate of speed the sudden jolt of the vehicle throws the occupants in the air.

Those who are familiar with road work say that the holes should be filled and the dirt packed in good and tight before the scraper passes over it.

Some people don't know the difference between a good road and a bad road, as was demonstrated here the other day. Two men came over the same road in different cars, the first man arriving here a few minutes ahead of the second car. He stated that the road was as smooth as the streets of Oxford. The second man said that the road was in a deplorable condition, and the two men accused each other of not knowing what they were talking about.

The roads around Oxford are not as smooth as they were this time last year, which is accounted for by the fact that the road force has been engaged in other parts of the county ten months out of twelve and the scarcity of labor. The Public Ledger learns that all of the roads within a radius of five miles of Oxford will have the attention of the road force in a few weeks.

SOME RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Recorded by Register of Deeds Powell this week.

Oxford Loan and Real Estate Co., to J. E. Adkerson, lot in Oxford township, \$2250.

J. W. Hester and W. N. Thomas to G. E. Dickerson, 83.34 acres near Oxford, \$13,166.68.

T. G. Stem, commissioner, to H. G. McFarland, house and lot on Broad street, \$6300.

Mrs. Mary R. Delacroix to W. J. Sizemore, Jr., lot, \$150.

T. G. Stem, commissioner, to Mrs. Kate Blair, house and lot in Oxford, \$2025.

Mrs. Mary R. Delacroix to W. J. Webb and J. F. Meadows, three lots, \$3300.

Mrs. Mary R. Delacroix to J. G. Royster, twenty lots, \$4102.

Mrs. Mary R. Delacroix to N. D. Hobgood, sixteen lots, \$1240.

W. S. Regan to Monroe Slaughter, 47 1-10 acres in Walnut Grove, \$950.

Richard Hicks to Lucy Bullock, lot in Oxford township, \$150.

L. G. and R. C. Puckett to J. Le-gon Simpson, lot in Sassafras township, \$3800.

H. G. Harris to F. W. Hancock, Jr., 2.27 acres, \$10 and other considerations.

W. H. Hedgepeth to L. W. Hall, two lots in Stem, \$150.

Mrs. S. D. O'Brian to Ed Jones, fifty acres, \$1000.

Ed Crews to T. W. Cutts, one lot, \$100.

DR. GAMBRELLE IS AGAIN PRESIDENT OF THE BAPTISTS

Mr. Marshall Characterizes Church As "One of The Anchors of the Republic," But Warns Against Meddling Into Politics As Field For Reform.

Washington, May 13.—Dr. J. D. Gambelle, of Fort Worth, Texas, was unanimously selected president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Vice-President Marshall, in an address opening the convention characterized the church as "one of the anchors of the republic," but warned against entry of the church as an organization into politics.

Mr. Marshall was introduced to the convention by Dr. Gambelle, who told the Vice-President that the Baptists came from a land of much water, where Democrats and Baptists went together.

"I have been greatly shocked to learn that Democrats and water went together, but there is nothing between you and me save a little water," responded the Vice-President, who is a Presbyterian.

ASHEVILLE WOMEN WILL DO THEIR OWN HOUSE WORK

Asheville, May 12.—A decision by the women of Asheville to do their own housework until the negro servants of the city lowered their wage requirements, was adopted at the mass meeting of the householders of the city last night at the Asheville high school.

The meeting, called by the Asheville Woman's club, was for the purpose of discussing the servant problem, which has lately become acute in the city, because of the high wages demanded by the negro servants, and of their refusal to abide by certain working hours.

ANNOUNCE CENSUS FOR NORTH CAROLINA TOWNS

Census figures announced this week include:

Mount Airy, 4,752; increase 908. Reidsville, 5,333; increase 505. Lumberton, 2,691; increase 461.

His Most Important Function. "An editor is a man who puts things in the paper, isn't he, pa?" "Oh, no, my son; an editor keeps things out of the paper."

THE METHODIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Three Hundred Delegates Transact Their Business and Depart For Home.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Conference of the North Carolina Methodist Episcopal church, which has been in session here for the past three days, will come to a close this morning.

The sessions were held in the Methodist church, and was featured by the presence of several missionaries from foreign fields, including addresses by Rev. and Mrs. Moore, from Korea; Rev. and Mrs. Frank, from Japan; Miss Elizabeth Lamb, from Brazil; and Miss Mabel How-cll, secretary for oriental fields.

A number of speakers from over North Carolina, including some of the foremost speakers were also on the program. These also discussed the mission work of the church at home and in foreign fields.

There were three hundred delegates to the convention and at least that number of visitors daily from the country and nearby towns.

Nearly every home in Oxford was made glad by the presence of one or more delegates. One would seldom see a finer looking assemblage of christian workers.

These ladies came from all over the State; automobile rides about Oxford were provided, and they returned to their homes highly pleased with the many courtesies showered upon them while in Oxford.

The conference will be held in Fayetteville next year.

HON. O. MAX GARDNER WILL SPEAK HERE TOMORROW

Large Crowd Expected To Hear the Popular Candidate For Governor.

Three Democratic candidates for Governor, will address the people of Granville County in the court house tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock.

The campaign is warming up, and according to the newspaper accounts Mr. Gardner is delivering sledge-hammer blows. Strong physically and mentally, it will be a pleasure to hear him discuss the issues of the day and define his position on public questions.

DISTRICT ODD FELLOWS GATHER AT RALEIGH

Initiation Was Featured By Presence of Grand Sire Bost.

Members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the eighth and ninth districts gathered in Raleigh Thursday to celebrate the 101st anniversary of the founding of the order, at which time Judge Henry V. Borst, grand sire, of Amsterdam, New York, delivered an address in the evening. Local lodges from the following counties participated in the celebration: Wake, Johnston, Franklin, Vance, Durham, Orange, Alamance, Person, Caswell and Granville.

The following delegation from Oxford was present and enjoyed the impressive ceremonies: Messrs. J. E. Pittard, C. G. Powell, C. H. Tim-berlake, H. M. Shaw, B. F. Kern, J. F. Meadows, B. F. Bragg, R. L. Hamilton, W. M. Cheek, D. F. Lanier, R. M. Minor, T. G. Currin, T. K. Wood, A. F. Morris, G. H. Graham, W. O. Wilson, W. T. Bird, J. D. Thompson, Hugh Peed, R. L. Gaston, Col. Ballou, Josh King and possibly others.

MR. ROBERT CREWS AT HOME FROM CHINA

Mr. Robert Crews, the fine brother of Messrs. Elbert and Walter Crews, who sailed for China five years ago with Mr. Joe Hunt and other young men to engage in the cultivation of tobacco, arrived at home last week.

In the trip to China, Mr. Crews sailed from San Francisco, and on his return home he landed at the port of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Life in China seems to have agreed with Mr. Crews. He returns to us with rosy complexion and clear eyes.

Although every copy of the Public Ledger was mailed to Mr. Crews' address in care of the British Tobacco Company, Shanghai, all of the copies did not reach him, which is accounted for by the interruption of mail service during the world war.

Though somewhat ancient, Mr. Crews states that Shanghai is a very pleasant city with modern improvements. There are a sufficient number of Americans and English residents in the American section of the city to make social life worth while, said Mr. Crews.

One of the sad experiences of Mr. Crews trip abroad was the death of his friend, Mr. Joe Hunt, who sailed on the ship with him and was for several months his bosom companion.

The British American Company asked Mr. Crews to attend to the burial of Mr. Hunt. A nice tablet marks the resting place of this noble son of Granville county in the city cemetery at Shanghai.

Mr. Crews will return to China about the first of July, and it is barely possible that he will take an American bride with him.

SKETCH VIVIDLY DRAWN BY MRS. E. C. PEACE

About Churches and People Past and Present.

In 1859 (when I first knew it) the Methodist church of Oxford was a small, unpainted frame building, situated on the corner lot later owned for many years by Dr. Graham Hunt and facing Spring Street. It had no porch or vestibule, but one straight aisle from the door at one end to the pulpit at the other. There were hard, uncomfortable benches, no pews. On the right side sat the ladies, on the left the men. The pulpit was a regular high, old fashioned affair, with steps going up and a door to shut in the preacher when he had entered. No choir greeted his coming in, no ushers looked after the seating of the people.

During the Civil War the ladies gathered in the church to sew for the soldiers and used this closet pulpit as a depository for their baskets of dinner. One wood stove furnished insufficient heat in winter, so in real cold weather the members worshipped with other denominations. A row of windows with small panes of glass and narrow blinds, and a window back of the pulpit supplied the light. Out doors at the south end a young minister had been buried, whose remains were afterwards transferred to our Elmwood cemetery.

A wooden fence enclosed the lot, for it was in the days before the no fence law came.

Our beloved Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hays were then bridegroom and bride, newly married, March 23rd.—he, Superintendent of the Sunday School which position he faithfully held for forty years—she, a teacher, later teacher and organist—both the greatest helpers our Methodist church ever loved and honored. Hundreds of Horner School boys came under their influence and now rise up to call them blessed.

Messrs. R. W. Lassiter Sr., Lewis K. Wiley, William Crabtree and Miss Lucy Ballard, inmate of the home of Judge Gilliam, were among its oldest members, and an old widow who wore a straw poke bonnet with a frill, and a flat bow of gray ribbon on top,—had palsy—lived in a two-room log house in the corner of the lot on which is now Col. Ballou's handsome residence. Between Sunday School and church services the children would run over there for water and flowers.

Ministers gave out two lines of a hymn at a time without a musical instrument and sang such hymns as:

"Show pity, Lord, Oh! Lord forgive."

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound."

"Father I stretch my hands to Thee."

Protracted meetings were held and the mourners' bench often filled, converts received into membership on a six months probation.

In 1868 a new church, some what more pretensions, was built, where Miss Leila Rounton's house now stands. Dr. Moran, of Wilmington, preached its dedication sermon. In 19— the present church was erected and dedicated by Bishop Granberry. Some of the pastors have been Rev. Gannon, Tillett, Betts, Boone, Hoy-le, Hurley, McCullen, Tittle, Bumpass, Gibbons, Shamburzer, Massey, Willis, Tyre and Dr. Craven.

It now has a large membership, a beautiful brick structure, a fine Carnegie pipe organ, owns a memorial building which has many conveniences and is as "a city set on a hill which cannot be hid."

SUBSTITUTE SOLDIER BONUS BILL DRAFTED

Under the new bonus bill compensation for home service is reduced from \$1.25 to \$1 for each day of service while payments for foreign service remain at \$1.25 a day. Payments would be made for service from April 6, 1917, to July 1, 1919, under the new bill instead of from April 6, 1917, to January 1, 1920, as under the pending measure.

Payments of the cash bonus would begin April 1, 1921, and be continued in 12 quarterly installments. The four options for the cash bonus—home or farm aid, paid up insurance and tuition for education—would have a 40 per cent increase in value over the cash bonus, under the substitute measure, instead of being determined on a basis of \$1.75 a day for each day of service.

The plan of reclamation of land so as to provide farms was changed in the substitute bill to eliminate the \$1,000 loan and also to reduce the authorization for carrying out the scheme from \$300,000,000 to \$250,000,000.

TWO CENTS MARGIN IN SUGAR

Sheriff E. D. Hunt Promulgates General Order.

Sheriff Hunt yesterday received the following order from United States Attorney E. F. Aydelett, dated at Elizabeth City, N. C., May 11:

"You will immediately announce in your county and State that the only recognizable margin or profit on sugar by the Department of Justice, one cent per pound wholesale, two cent per pound retailers. Please notify the merchants in your town and county."

"OUR BREAD IN PERIL" SAYS REPORT ON CROPS

Summary of Conditions in North Carolina Makes Rather Gloomy Showing.

Raleigh, May 12.—"Our primary bread crop is threatened with the tremendous reduction of 34 per cent from last year," announces the North Carolina Cooperative Crop Reporting service. "The winter wheat acreage to be harvested in the United States is more than 30 per cent less than last year."

"The North Carolina crop shows about two per cent abandonment with a condition of 88 per cent, on an acreage of 12 per cent less than last year and 90 per cent of the usual."

"The United States present acreage of hay crops estimated to be the same as last year, with a good condition, and reports show 10.5 per cent of last year's crop now remaining on farms. The North Carolina estimates indicate a six per cent reduction in the acreage of hay, with a 90 per cent condition of the present growing crops. Sixteen per cent of our last year's hay was reported on May 1st as remaining on farms."

"Three-fourths of the plowing has been finished with but half of the entire planting work done in this state. It is not wise to mention to farmers just now anything about the eight hour day."

"The farmers' strenuous and long hours of work are helping to overcome the shortage and indifference of the labor remaining on farms, which is 30 per cent short of usual."

"The weather conditions for April were generally adverse for the best progress of farm work, as the soil was too cold and wet for the best preparation for or growth of seeds that were planted."

MEMORIAL DAY KEPT ALIVE BY THE FAITHFUL FEW

People Are Getting Too Far Away From This One Sacred Day.

It is distressing to see the little attention that was paid to Memorial Day this year throughout the south. The Charlotte Observer says:

"The surviving members of the Confederate Veterans Association still stand faithful with the Daughters of the Confederacy in the saddened pleasures of Memorial Day—the pilgrimage to the veterans monument, the decoration of graves and the recounting of deeds of valor in the days that tired men's souls. It has seemed to us that the country has been getting too far away from this one day sacred in the hearts of the people of the South. But for the closing of the bank doors, as required under the State holiday law, the business world seems to take but little token of the day. Time was when it was a day of prayer, school children paraded and the whole town turned out in march to the cemetery, but it cannot be that our people have lost the spirit of reverence. They have lapsed into momentary forgetfulness of the day and what it means to the traditions of the South. If the observances is now regarded as the province of a dwindled body of veterans, what is to happen when these veterans are gone? Manifestly, the task of keeping alive the day and its memories is one which is to be handed down in successive processes of time veterans to daughters and from daughters to children."

HON. W. A. DEVIN IN HIGH FAVOR IN BERTIE

Dispatches Court Business and Responds to Calls for Addresses.

Windsor, N. C., May 13.—Judge W. A. Devin, of Oxford, has just closed a very satisfactory term of court here. A large volume of business was dispatched and his rulings were just and impartial and his conduct of the court most satisfactory.

In response to calls he addressed the Betterment Club, and on Memorial Day he spoke at the dedication exercises. Both of these addresses were of a high order and our people were much delighted to hear him. If his name was on the primary ballot there is but small doubt of how the people of Bertie would vote for one supreme court judge.

THE WHIPPERWILL AND CORN PLANTING TIME

The whipperswills are singing these nights, and this means according to many of our older citizens, corn planting time. But many farmers we learn have already finished planting corn, and they are now ready for their tobacco crops. Tobacco next fall may be high, or it may be low, but the safe thing for the farmers is to be sure that they have corn enough in the ground before the season is over to satisfy their wants for man and beast next fall.

SEVENTY TRUCKS COMING DOWN BANKHEAD HIGHWAY

Will Pass Through Oxford On the Evening of June 17.

Brigadier General C. S. Drake, of the War Department has issued a formal order for the travel of the motor convoy of 70 trucks over the Bankhead highway beginning on June 14. The trip will be by Richmond, Oxford and Raleigh. The schedule calling for arrival in Raleigh on the evening of the 17th.