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SMALL SCHOOLS NOW ON WANE One-Teacher Schools Fewer Than They Used to Be

One-teacher schools throughout the State are slowly but surely dying hard, according to the current issue of "State School Facts" which is published semi-monthly by the State Department of Public Instruction. The figures are for the white schools that have but one teacher.

Since 1900, an average number of 158 one-teacher schools of the State have decreased every year, or, in other words, a total decrease of nearly 3000 schools of this type have been closed. According to the figures, the year of 1924-1925, witnessed a reduction of 165 of these schools over the preceding term.

The past school term witnessed a large decrease in the number of the preceding year. In 1924, a total number of 34 counties had less than ten one-teacher schools, while the previous year there were 30 counties had 25 or more schools of this type for white children, while the previous year a total of seventeen counties were listed in this group. Four counties, last year, had more than 30 one-teacher rural white schools. The preceding school year had a total of six counties in the group.

The enrollment figures for the attendance in one-teacher rural schools show that a total number of 49,150 white children of the State went to one-teacher schools. They represent 12.9 per cent of the total white rural enrollment. However, a striking decrease is noted in the enrollment of previous years.

Salaries paid teachers in the one-teacher schools was \$71.45. A total number of 1,468 teachers drew this sum for their labors in the small schools. Durham county leads the State with 123.33 paid its teachers in one-teacher schools, while Vance county was the lowest with \$55.

Lengths of the various rural terms range anywhere from 116 days in Davis county to 180 days in New Hanover county. However, the most of the counties have an average term of 120 days, the constitutional minimum, for this type of school.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT AT M. E. CHURCH

The annual Christmas entertainment will be held at the Zebulon Methodist church on Wednesday evening at seven o'clock. The program will be as follows:

A pageant entitled "A Babe in the Manger" and chimes, readings, and other exercises by the Sunday school children. Everyone is cordially invited.

WOMAN'S CLUB GIVES PROGRAM AT CONVICT CAMP

The Zebulon Woman's Club arranged an interesting and enjoyable program for the convict camp near Zebulon last Sunday afternoon, consisting of Christmas carols, a talk by Prof. E. H. Moser, and a treat of nuts and candy for each man in the camp. Five cars full of people were in the party.

CHAMBER COMMERCE DINNER

The annual Chamber of Commerce dinner this year will be held at the new Meredith College at Method on January 12, according to arrangements which have recently been concluded with Dr. Charles E. Brewer, president of the college. This affair will be the formal opening of the college.

All the members of the Chamber and their wives will be invited to attend the dinner. The organizations have approximately 600 members, and this is expected to be the largest gathering for the annual affair in the history of the organization.

MAYOR DANIELS COURT

Tag Chavis, who has been a familiar character on the streets of Zebulon since its incorporation was before Mayor Daniels this week on the same charge that has been written on numerous warrants and he was taxed with the cost and sent out of town with the understanding that he stay in exile the balance of his life.

Rena Craig and Mable Jones, two dusky dames were up for an affray which both were very willing participants. Bable was asked to pay the cost but was warned to keep out of Court. Rena did not fare so well as it was proven she pertook too freely of "joy water" and used some unprintable language. She had been before the mayor twice before for same offense. She too paid the cost but she was denied citizenship for next six months.

Walter Horton, twelve year old boy raised by Starling Yarboro, decided he would go out in the world and shift for himself was picked up on the street by Chief Dickens, and after a few hours in the Calaboose was returned to Starling.

Chief Dickens and Policeman Woodruff are determined to bring the erring ones in to the fold and already their drag net is showing results.

TOBACCO TAX WILL BE STUDIED Abernethy Opposed Amendment by Gar- rett in House

A Washington dispatch says: Passage of an amendment to the non-partisan tax reduction bill levying a tax of 8 cents a pound on leaf tobacco under certain conditions was opposed in the House by Representative C. L. Abernethy, but the amendment which was backed by the ways and means committee, was adopted by an overwhelming vote.

The effect of the amendment, which was presented by Representative Finis J. Garrett, Democratic floor leader, could not be determined. Mr. Abernethy opposed the amendment on the grounds that no notice had been given and that no opportunity to be heard had been given Southern Tobacco growers Mr. Garrett contends that the bill will benefit the tobacco growers.

The amendment, which is a new section of a bill, reads as follows:

"Upon all unmanufactured leaf tobacco produced in the United States and hereafter sold or removed for sale, to the consumer, there shall be levied, collected and paid a tax of 8 cents per pound to be paid by the person so selling or removing such leaf tobacco. This subdivision shall not apply to leaf tobacco sold or removed for sale to the consumer by (1) a farmer or grower of tobacco. (2) a tobacco grower's co-operative association as defined in sub-division (f) of section 3360 of the Revised Statutes as amended."

Mr. Abernethy stated that he did not know the effect of the bill, but that he protested so as to put the tobacco growers on notice. He declared that while he had not studied the amendment, he doubted whether it is beneficial to the tobacco growers. He declared that he did not approve the putting of a tax on tobacco where a tax does not now exist in a tax reduction bill.

Representative Doughton, member of the ways and means committee, which adopted the Garrett amendment, was not in the city today and could not be reached. Mr. Abernethy stated that he does not believe Mr. Doughton has seen the amendment.

Following the passage of the amendment, Mr. Abernethy conferred with Senator F. M. Simmons on the subject and they will make a study of the effect of the amendment in order that it may be vigorously opposed in the Senate of the amendment is harmful to the tobacco interests of North Carolina.

OUR NEW CHIEF PRAISED

Among the many nice things said about our new chief the following was taken from the Roanoke News published at Weldon by Mr. J. S. Sledge a former Commissioner of the city of Weldon:

"Mr. S. M. Dickens, who was Chief here many years and afterwards the chief at Nashville has been elected Chief at Zebulon. He made Weldon one of the best in the history of the town and the authorities of Zebulon will find him one of the finest."

RAILROAD DIRECTORS HOLD MEETING HERE

The board of directors of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad met at Governor McLean's office on Thursday, and transacted routine business, mainly, the Governor announced after the meeting.

The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share was declared, and the board voted to declare an additional dividend of 50 cents per share, if certain securities held by that body can be sold at an advantageous price. The securities consist of bonds of the railroad and of the State held by the road.

It also confirmed an arrangement with the Norfolk and Southern Railroad whereby the board shares title for the new union station in Kinston with the former concern.

WHITE MAN ARRESTED ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Magistrate J. Mike Whitley bound Mr. Lee Wood a forty year old farmer over to Recorders court under a warrant sworn out by the father of Martha Brewer, a twelve year old girl charging him with criminal assault. The families of both parties live about 2 miles South of Zebulon.

The evidence was very slim but probable cause was found and Squire Whitley required a two hundred dollar bond for his appearance at the Recorders Court which convenes here the first Saturday in January which is the second day of the month.

BAPTIST CHRISTMAS SERVICE CALLED OFF

The special Christmas service at the Baptist church for Christmas night has been called off owing to the limited time for preparation and also inclement weather conditions.

The Christmas Tree



SWEET eve eternal! Wondrous night!
Aglow with songs and candlelight;
Aglow with dreams and mystic spells
Of Santa Claus and Christmas bells!

OLET my dreams of Youth run free!
Glad Christmas eves, come back to me!
Change me to child! Let me once more
Go nightie-clad to Dreamland's door.

—WILLIAM HERSCHELL

Spoils the Christmas "Kotch"

Deputy sheriff B. H. Richardson had a presentment a few days ago that some one Northeast of Zebulon was making "kotch" for Christmas.

However, on Tuesday night, December 15, he visited the section in which he thought had the "beer" in preparation for the making of the defiled stuff. He continued his visit to the same section until December 22. As some of his deputy friends were busy at this time the Sheriff decided to break in his son, who is a junior deputy, on these raids, and the junior deputy proved a good "buddy" for "Dad."

They arrived at the aforesaid place in due time to capture, and found two barrels of beer, but it was thought the law-breakers had been "tipped off." However, the beer was poured out, which consisted of all the damage that could be done at

that time. Deputy Richardson desires that all good people in Little River Township, either man or woman, furnish him with any information of anyone violating the prohibition law, and he is ready to perform his duty as guardian of the law.

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WAKEFIELD MISSIONARY MEETING

The Wakefield Church will hold its Missionary meeting with Mrs. C. S. Brantley, December 26, 1923, at 2 p. m. A full attendance is urged as matters of interest for the coming year are to be discussed.

Wyatt Children to Have Happy Xmas

With their father sentenced to eight months in State's Prison and prospects of a slim Christmas staring them in the face, the seven children of Jesse H. Wyatt, former captain of detectives, will be able to have just as good a Christmas as any other family through the act of the Raleigh police force and others, who have contributed more than \$35.00 to a Wyatt fund.

According to the police, Wyatt, who was convicted and sentenced for the killing of Stephen S. Holt, spent practically all of his money in the long jail which culminated last week in the former detective being sentenced.

Flower baskets have been attached to street lamps of a Pennsylvania

NEWBERRY GETS YEAR SENTENCE Raymond Evans a Problem in the Court

Monday in Wake Superior Court sentences on defendants totaling twenty-two months were imposed.

Ed Newberry, who was sent over from the City Court and whose case had been continued after he had been found guilty of stealing an automobile here about a month ago, was sentenced to serve twelve months on the county roads.

L. M. Merritt's sentence was reduced from eight to six months on a charge of possessing materials for the manufacture of liquor. Beer, and meal, and other ingredients were also found in a tobacco barn on Merritt's farm. Merritt denied possession of the property, but the fact that he had formerly been connected with a liquor affair added to the evidence of his guilt.

Raymond Evans, a lad giving his age as eighteen years, although he looked considerably younger, proved a problem of the court. The boy had been found guilty of stealing \$24 here recently. He stated that he had run away from a boys' school in Illinois after having previously stated that he was from Alabama. Communications with Illinois authorities stated that the boy had been accused of petty larceny in that State.

Judge Midyette imposed a four months' sentence in the State prison but the sentence will be terminated whenever the boys' father comes for him. The father was notified of the lad's plight.

John Alston was found not guilty of housebreaking and larceny. He was charged with entering E. C. Harris' barber shop and stealing property valued at \$50.

Joe Allen pleaded guilty of possessing liquor. He paid the cost and a two year sentence was suspended.

Willie Jenkins drew a suspended sentence upon payment of the costs on a prostitution charge. The cause had been appealed from the City Court.

Albert Johnson pleaded guilty of possessing liquor. He paid the costs and an eight months sentence was suspended.

James and Charlie Harris were found not guilty of stealing tobacco from W. S. Lane.

RADIO KEEPS BOYS BUSY

Rufus Rothrock, a boy of Benson Polytechnic school, Portland, Oregon, has made a radio that "works" larger than a silver dollar. With it he gets all the local stations. He is now making an electric motor the size of a finger tip, as another step in his preparation for electrical engineering.

The radio has kept thousands of boys out of the police courts and the jails, by giving them something interesting to do. A few tools, a roll of wire and a handful of springs and screws, would change the course of many a boy this Christmas time. Almost every normal American boy is interested in mechanical contrivances and should be encouraged along these lines. Radio offers great incentive for their creative ideas.

STOLEN CAR FOUND

The Ford roadster belonging to Mr. Alzy Raynor was stolen from the back yard of Mr. A. C. Dawson's some time after midnight last Tuesday night. Every effort was made to locate it. Some bird hunters at Nashville found a Ford in the woods near that place and knowing it had been stolen found that it belonged to Mr. Raynor, who went to Nashville Tuesday and brought it back here. With the exception of two bursted tires the car is in good shape.

BUT SOME SAY SO

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WAKEFORD SCHOOL TAKES

TWO WEEKS HOLIDAY
Wakeford school began its holiday season last Friday, and for two weeks the faculty and pupils will enjoy the holiday season. The school has had one of the most prosperous sessions of its existence. There are over six hundred pupils in attendance. There are over twenty members of the faculty and pupils, a merry Christmas.