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PERSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS

MORE THAN A THOUSAND PUPILS ENROLLED

Helena Leads the List With 266, Bethel Hill Second with 240

There are many things in the good County of Person for one to enthuse over but none excites our admiration more than the wonderful progress which is being made in the schools. Just comparatively a few years since and there was not a high school in the County, no, not even in Roxboro, while today there are five rural high schools, all splendidly equipped, with buildings costing from \$15,000 to \$50,000. Nearly all of these buildings have water, lights and sewerage, and best of all paid for by the citizens of the districts without a DOLLARS help from the State. Certainly, some of them have borrowed small sums from the State but they are paying this back with interest. So the State has not contributed a penny to them—all of which the State should be ashamed of.

At Helena Miss Emma Noell, the efficient, popular and beloved principal, has enrolled 266, with 74 in the high school grades. She reports the largest enrollment in the County, as well as the greatest number of high school scholars.

Following this lead comes Bethel Hill high school with an enrollment of 240; Bushy Fork reports 175; Olive Hill has an enrollment of 165 and Allensville 160. Bushy Fork and Allensville are not officially reported, but the others are actual figures from the principals. We do not believe there is a county in the State which can match Person in the way of principals. They are all thoroughly prepared for their work, and best of all, are thoroughly in love with the work and are not using their cases for a stepping stone—looking either to business or matrimony.

Just think of it, more than one thousand in these five rural high schools—and this does not include the schools at Roxboro or Jalong. Ten years ago when Rev. J. A. Beam began his great campaign for rural high schools had he premised that today there would be more than one thousand in these schools even his most ardent backers would have said he was either crazy or prevaricating. But the end is not yet, there will be twice this number within another ten years.

PERSON PAIR OF 81 AND 29 JOINED IN WEDLOCK HERE

Once more December and May were joined in happy union, when in the embodiments, respectively, of Jefferson Patterson, 84 years of age, and Miss Virgie Bows, just 29, they were made man and wife in Danville this morning by the Rev. J. Clyde Holland.

Yielding to the ardent wooing of her many-wintered lover, who, but for a crippled arm, would have done a service under the standard of Lee or Jackson in the brave days of the sixties, Miss Bows came with him from their home county of Person across the North Carolina border, and today the Rev. Mr. Holland entered the party as the third member necessary to completion of a cherished plan.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Patterson were given a warm reception at the Piedmont warehouse, where a number of their Person and Caswell county friends had assembled. The newly weds appeared to be as happy as young larks. After this informal reception Mr. Patterson was taken in charge by a representative of the Danville News and led to one of the best barber shops, where a stubby beard of several weeks' growth was removed from the groom's face. The happy couple will return to North Carolina this afternoon to their future home near Leasburg—Danville News.

DR. MADDRY HERE THURSDAY NIGHT

Dr. Charles E. Maddry of Raleigh will deliver an address in the Baptist church here on next Thursday at 7:30 P. M. The public is cordially invited to hear this address.

PERSON COUNTY FAIR

A Decided Success. Due to the Efforts of Mess. Hunter and Burns.

If you failed to attend the Fair last week you missed one of the very best, if not the BEST, ever held in the County. The exhibits were good and the attendance was up to the average. Never have we seen a better order, there being no arrests for rowdyism, and everything went off in great shape.

Mess. Hunter and Burns, the president and secretary respectively, gave of their time unsparringly and the people of the County, and especially the stockholders of the association, are due them many thanks. They put on the best free exhibit we have ever seen, the spiral act alone being worth the price of admission. The carnival was large, with many attractions, and we heard no complaint as to the morality of the shows. Yes, it was good, and the association can not do better than to make the present managers lifelong officers.

MR. BRADSHAW WINS WATER PLANT

The Home Electric Company, Mr. Fred Long, manager, presented a Delco Light and Water system to Mr. L. A. Bradsher of Hurdle Mills, route 3, as advertised in our last issue. The card filled out by Mr. Bradsher was drawn from the sealed box at this office, and was awarded the water system.

FINE FLOUR

The Milton Roller Mill Company presented us with some of the very best flour we have seen. We do not know where the wheat which produced this flour was grown, but we do know it was the equal of any we have ever seen, and was ground at their mills in Milton.

ROXBORO GARDEN SCHOOL NOTES

The first month of school work and play has elapsed. Reports have been issued bearing their train of joys and sorrows to the home of many a student and their resultant commendation or praise of an innocent teacher.

The greatest improvement thus far initiated into the school system is the result of the last Parent-Teacher's Association Meeting at which time it was voted that the play grounds equipment now laying practically idle on the plot at the rear of the courthouse should be moved upon the school grounds where it will be accessible to the children at all recess periods and during the afternoons at close of school.

A movement to have a one hundred per cent participation in some form of athletic recreation is on foot. This end track has been introduced to the school athletic system, one volley ball court has been placed for the boys, and under the auspices of the seventh grade another girls' process of construction for procuring a tennis court for school, and a basketball court has been lined off in the Winstead house, on teams

A Current Events class was organized by the seventh and eighth grades of the junior high school two weeks ago for the purpose of educational and recreational discussion. The club met on Thursday night, where a number of the various news items added to the pleasure of the members. The members of the club, Eugene Thompson, Sec. and son, pres., Dan, sergeant at arms, John Hood, Lillian Beard, arms, Minnie Zula Green, Helen Margaret Alburn, John Yancey, Harris, L. Hull, Helen Stanfield, W. Wood, Eunice White, Woods, Sey and H. F. Ayers. Roxboro

SERVICES IN THE MASONIC HALL

Services will be held at Trinity Church at 7:30 a. m. Evening prayer at 7:30 p. m. J. L. Martin, Rector.

TOBACCO PRICES LOOKING UP

MISS LOTTIE LEE SELLS A PILE FOR \$65.00

Sales Light, 109,658 Pounds Sold at an Average of \$17.80 For the Week.

While sales were light last week the price seemed to improve each day; the average for the week being \$17.80, with many averages reported better than \$30.00, the highest sale reported being that of Miss Lottie Lee which brought \$65.00 at the Hycoc. Joe Clayton sold a load at the Hycoc averaging \$37.00, and Bill Royster sold his last curing for an average of \$31.00.

At the Independent some good sales were reported, Sidney Vaughn made an average of \$33.00; D. C. Chandler averaged \$32.00 and Charlie Dunn made an average of \$31.00.

The Planters had some good sales and report prices as being much improved with a decidedly better feeling among the farmers.

Altogether the outlook is much better and the average will show an increase as better grades come in as many of the loads being offered are the last curings and naturally are of a poor quality.

A HARDING OAK AT EVERY SCHOOL

The State Forester is urging every school in the State to observe Arbor Day, November 2, by planting memorial oak for the late President Harding.

In his last public utterance Mr. Harding strongly endorsed the conservation policy of the Government saying that the development of the timber and other natural resources must have in view the permanent benefit to the investors who are seeking wealth to enrich homes elsewhere. Speaking of Alaskan conditions which he had just returned from investigation he said: "It is better to destroy the defiant investor than to demoralize a national resource which need only guarding against greed to maintain a permanent asset of incalculable value."

His will remain a cardinal principle in our public conservation policy for all time to come.

The State law provides that "Following the first day of November of each year shall be known as Arbor Day, to be appropriately observed by the public schools." What more appropriate action could any school take than planting a tree to the memory of our lamented President who lost his life in establishing rational conservation in our largest territory.

An oak tree is suggested because it typifies strength and true worth. It is long lived, and though some species are of slow growth, they are beautiful and altogether the most satisfactory trees for such purpose. White oak should be planted when possible but swamp chestnut oak (in the east), willow oak, and red oak will all make excellent memorial trees.

PERSON COUNTY LEAF WINS EVERY PREMIUM

Farmers Around Roxboro Sweep Prize List Offered at the Danville Fair.

Danville, Oct. 10.—Person county, North Carolina, made a clean sweep of the premiums offered by the Danville Fair association for tobacco grown in North Carolina.

Three prizes were offered for nine different types of leaf and the entire lot of 27 prizes was carried off by farmers who entered their tobacco from Roxboro.

This is believed to be the first time that any one community has made 100 per cent record and Person county farmers attending the fair today did not fail to remind some of their neighboring countymen of the fact. This year the fair association offered premiums for tobacco grown in Virginia and Carolina, separately. The Virginia awards were well scattered. R. E. Crumpton, Winstead and Brooks and Winstead and Torian carried off virtually all the prizes.

CO-OP MAKES BIG AVERAGE

Walter Bradsher and Dewey Tatum Average \$20.56 for 630 Pounds.

We called upon the manager, Mr. H. W. Winstead, for report as to receipts and average yesterday, but Mr. Winstead informed us that he could not give out this information, but that it would have to come from Richmond. However, by today's mail we received from Mr. S. D. Frizzell the statement that Mr. Walter Bradsher and Dewey Tatum of Hurdle Mills, N. C., averaged \$20.56 a hundred for a load of 630 pounds. These are Person county men, but we are not advised where this splendid average was made.

Some of our co-operative friends criticized us very severely last year for not publishing good sales, or good averages, received at the co-operative warehouse last year, but we want our friends to know we are just as anxious to publish their good averages as they are to see it, but unless they come in personally and hand them to us we see no way of accommodating them. When you bring in a load of extra good tobacco and get an extra large advance we trust you will drop by our office and tell us about it.

REV. J. L. MARTIN AT ST. PHILIP'S

Preaches Against Pessimism And For More Abounding Patience And Hope.

Rev. J. L. Martin, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, Roxboro, held the services and preached in St. Philip's church Sunday morning, filling Rev. S. S. Bost's appointment, while he was over at Duke dedicating a church there.

Mr. Martin preached from Romans, 15-4: "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. It was a sermon on the ebb-tide and flow of humanity. He said that recently much literature on pessimism had come from the press. Pessimism is stalking abroad in the land. One writer had pictured God as a little dwarfed man. Another had pictured all things going to death. Another that the signs of the moon predicted ruin and destruction. History, with regularity, repeats itself. A high tide of morals is followed by a low tide. Each incoming tide presses further and further out on the sands of life, until it begins to recede.

Why should we be pessimists being developed from the cave man to the present? We show a lack of faith in Providence bringing us thus far, and defeat the ends of God's plans. Paul writes with hope. He knew history. He saw the ebb-tide and flow of those of the past. Has seen the ebb and flow twelve times. He was right. St. Paul lived in one of the ebb-tides. Have we the faith of St. Paul? Have we the trust of St. Paul, who said, "He is able to keep that which is committed to Him until that day?"

Ebb and flow of sin. The center of gravity keeps the earth and water in its place. In yonder sky is another point of gravity. Two forces are pulling in opposite directions—heaven and hell. Heaven is doing all it can to cling to that which is good. Hell all that is immoral and demoralizing. These forces are ebbing and flowing. God, through human beings, is going to win the victory. There is no occasion for pessimism, but rather rejoicing in the Lord, with patience and hope.

At the conclusion of the services a collection was taken to assist Mr. Martin in the completion of St. Mark's church, at Roxboro, which is in need of about \$2,500 to accomplish this end. \$32.43 was raised.—Durham Herald.

FOSTER LOCAL

The public is cordially invited to attend the co-op meeting of Foster Local at Centre school house on Saturday evening October 20th, 1923, at 7:45. We will have with us some distinguished speakers. Program: Quartette by Mt. Harmony choir. Prayer. Introduction of speaker by A. B. O'Brian.

A. B. O'Brian, Sec. Foster Local.

Society

Mrs. J. J. Winstead was hostess to the Research Club on last Friday afternoon. The subject of the afternoon study was Jborsen and some of his plays. Mrs. Bullock had a very interesting paper on the life and plays of Jborsen. Mrs. Garland Winstead led a discussion on two of Jborsen's plays, Beyond Our Power and the Gauntlet. At the close of the program the hostess served her guests a delightful salad course with hot rolls and coffee. She then passed a tray of beautiful white and yellow dahlias for her guests to carry home with them. Beautiful red and white dahlias added a charming touch to the home.

Members present were Mesdames W. C. Bullock, A. M. Burns, J. A. Beam, B. G. Clayton, L. M. Carlton, A. S. deVlaming, B. E. Newell, J. B. Hurley, W. O. Sample, W. T. Pass, R. L. Wilburn, S. G. Winstead and Mrs. J. J. Winstead.

TO THE READERS OF THE COURIER:

The Helena Aid Society gives you a welcome hearty. To come to your own birthday party. Bring as many pennies as years old. Or more, if you don't want your age told. On October the twenty seventh at exactly eight. In the high school auditorium we will wait. Remember the date, remember the hour. We know you will come in starlight or shower. To entertain you we will have good eats. And a play that none beats.—10-17-23

COURT WEEK

Court is in session this week, Judge Devin presiding and Solicitor McLendon prosecuting. There were no cases of note on the criminal docket, but we will publish full proceedings in our next issue.

NOTHING TO THE REPORT

Yesterday morning it was reported on the streets that Chief Oliver had shot a negro up on the hill. The report said that Mr. Oliver surprised a gang of laborers in a crap game and when one of them ran he, Mr. Oliver, shot him. How the report originated we do not know, but there was absolutely nothing to it.

WORKERS' SCHOOL AT ROCK GROVE

The school for Sunday school workers will be held Oct. 19-21. Let all be on hand to begin work Friday morning at nine o'clock. Joe B. Currin, pastor.

MR. ENGLAND VISITING OLD FRIENDS

Mr. Charles H. England, who was at one time a resident of Roxboro, arrived Monday evening and is spending several days here shaking hands with his many friends. Mr. England has been in Washington, D. C., as secretary to Hon. Claude Kitchen and Maj. Chas. M. Stedman for several years.

MR. WATKINS SPEAKS TO CO-OPS

Last Thursday evening Mr. T. C. Watkins, director of the co-operative tobacco association spoke to a large crowd of association members. His speech was mainly on matters pertaining to their mode of handling tobacco. He stated that the cost of handling their tobacco for the past year had been \$1.55 per hundred pounds, and that the tobacco received and being held of last year's crop from the old tobacco belt, and the black belt of Virginia, amounts to 13,500,000 pounds.

COLORED MAN SELLS BEST LOAD

Jim Tally, one of our worthy colored farmers sold a load at the Hycoc today and received a check for \$606.11. Jim says while his crop is not as good as it was last year prices like this looks like money to him.

SCHOOL NOTES

The second Teachers' Meeting was held last Saturday, October 13th, with 75 teachers present, and 10 absent—three of these, Misses Helen Graves Ella Thompson and Pansy Mitchell, were excused on account of sickness. The others are Misses Edith Gillis, Lena Buchanan, Grace Blackard, Annie Rhew, Lillie Beaver, Pearl Carver, and Mr. C. W. Warrick.

The 75 present were enthusiastic about their work, hopeful of future progress, and glad of the stimulating association of conferees with similar problems. Three divisions were organized as follows: High School, Intermediate and Primary. These elected Presidents, vice-Presidents and Secretaries and organized for the work of the year.

They are to study the Educational System of North Carolina as to the State's part, the County's part, and the Community's part, together with the Elementary Course of Study. All teachers are requested to bring the Elementary Course of Study to the next Teachers' Meeting on the Saturday before the second Sunday—the regular date of meeting. The Primary teachers will prepare their lesson beginning on the 19th page going through to the 92nd. The Intermediate Teachers will prepare pages 19 to 35, and 93 to 183. The High School Teachers will secure copies of the High School Course of Study and prepare the first 75 pages.

The State is doing a noble work in rehabilitating the crippled and wishes the names and addresses of every crippled, or disabled person in the county, regardless of age—white and black. Teachers, please do your part in this great humanitarian work and send me the names of every blind, deaf, and crippled person in the community in which you are teaching. Please be sure to state the kind of disability and the age as near as you can estimate of each disabled person. Do not forget the name, sex, color, age, disability, and address is required.

On November the 2nd and 3rd we expect every teacher in this county to attend the Meeting of teachers in Raleigh. It would be well to write the hotels in Raleigh and reserve room. We expect to have 100 per cent present, and get from this meeting much information necessary to every good teacher. Let not one teacher stay away. The State and County are doing their best to make our teachers efficient and capable of filling the noble profession of teaching. If teachers do not avail themselves of these privileges they show that they are not true teachers and the sooner the county and state find this out the better for all concerned.

We are aroused over the necessity of giving better school facilities to every child in the county. It is not fair for some to have the best and others, no less deserving, very inferior opportunities for securing the schooling that every child must have if he is to become a desirable citizen of North Carolina. With this in view we have secured the services of one of the State's best men to come and look over our county and make plans to establish the county-wide plan. He with Prof. N. W. Walker will be here on Wednesday of this week and visit the schools—especially the High Schools. It will take some time to get the necessary information that he must have and we hope to have him with us for several days.

Don't forget this Teachers' Meeting in Raleigh Nov. 2nd and 3rd. Mrs. J. A. Beam.

BOX PARTY

There will be a box party at Providence school on next Friday night at 6:30 o'clock. Proceeds will go to benefit of the school. Everybody is invited.

CONFERENCE OF BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

There will be a conference of representatives from the churches of the Beulah Baptist Association at Roxboro in the Baptist church on Friday, October 19th, at 10 A. M.

All pastors, Sunday School superintendents, presidents of W. M. U. and of B. Y. P. U., deacons and any others who are interested are urgently requested to attend. Dr. C. E. Maddry will be present and will have an inspiring message. R. E. White, Pastor.