

H. Lee Thomas Gets \$508 Salary Increase

County Superintendent of Schools To Receive \$2,308 in New State Schedule

H. Lee Thomas, Moore county's superintendent of schools will receive an annual salary during the next two years of \$2,308.00, as compared with \$1,800.00 last year, an increase of \$508.00 or 28.2 percent over the past year, on the basis set up last week by the State School Commission. The base salary on enrollment is \$2,280.00, with the allowance of \$28. for teachers in city units in the county, \$1 for each teacher.

This is an aggregate increase of 20 percent in salaries of superintendents but the increase varies from 4 percent for Cabarrus, due to removing from the county system and making a city unit of Kannapolis, to 45.3 percent for Halifax, due to the three city units in the county. Those are abnormal, most of the increases ranging from 15 to 25 percent.

Salaries paid by the State range from \$1,600 paid in counties enrolling up to 2,500 pupils, to \$3,200 for counties with more than 14,500 pupils enrolled, and with more than \$200 teachers in city units within the counties. The increase from the base of \$1,600 is \$20 for counties with 2,500 to 3,000 pupils and \$60 is added for each 500 pupils, up to \$3,000. The allowance of \$1 for each teacher in local units within the county, up to \$200, takes the salary to \$3,200 in three counties, Buncombe, Guilford and Wake.

The schedule for teachers' salaries has not been worked out by the commission, but it is stated that the appropriation of \$20,030,000 the first year is not sufficient to make a flat 20 percent increase, in addition to the amount of increase allowed by higher grade certificates. The result will be disappointment in many individual cases, in which the full 20 percent increase is not given. The schedule is expected to be completed next week.

Clouds Obscure Eclipse of Moon in Sandhills

First Lunar Show of its Kind Since 1927 Spoiled by Heavy Skies

Heavy skies ruined Monday night's lunar show for residents of the Sandhills.

With thick clouds obscuring the moon's surface most of the time, there was little opportunity for amateur or professional astronomers to observe the first lunar eclipse for the entire country since 1927.

A light breeze was blowing from the southwest, and only occasionally was there a break in the clouds to allow the moon to be observed.

Professor Charles M. Heck, in charge of the State College Observatory at Raleigh, sought to study the eclipse in its various phases. The college's telescope was of little use, he said, because of the misty atmosphere, even when a break came in the cloud to permit the eclipse to be seen.

The earth's shadow cut into the side of the moon at 10:15 p. m. and the period of totality here was from 11:30 p. m. to 12:30 a. m.

Eclipses of the sun and moon have definitely affected history throughout the ages. Thales of Miletu, one of the even wise men of Greece, was the first to give the true explanation of eclipses. He predicted a total eclipse of the sun which took place 585 B. C. and is memorable for having put an end to an engagement between the Medes and Lydians. Herodotus tells us that the day was suddenly turned to night and that when the contending armies observed the strange phenomenon, they ceased fighting and concluded a peace which was cemented by a two-fold marriage.

The best place in town to market on Saturday mornings is the Curb Market.

'Old Uncle Troy' jes' Wan' Tende Hosses fo' Ol' Marse's Chariot

Former Slave Reckons He's Gwine To Heaven All Right But "Do' Wan' No Wings."

By Mrs. J. M. Guthrie
In all the Sandhills of North Carolina there is scarcely a better beloved old ducky than "Old Uncle Troy." Typical of the fast vanishing race of ex-slaves, he still loves to linger in his mind on the days of his boyhood, when at the age of ten he and his mammy were left to take care of "Ol' Missis," while Ol' Marse went away to "de Wah." Tales he tells of how he and his mother—Rosanna—did the plowing; of how the Yankees came "wif big, ole wagons wif four mules hitched to 'em and hauled off all the meat and two cribs of corn and the chickens and sich—all but ole Biddy whut flew off into de swamp, so she couldn't be catch." (Here a big laugh comes). Then there is the tale of the "hosses" being hidden out in the swamp, and how this little black boy made nightly pilgrimages there to feed them; of going to Old Bethesda church and squatting in the aisle by Misses' bench to hold a warm brick to the baby's feet during the lengthy services.

The favorite tale is of the time when Marse came home one night and was surprised during supper by a band of Yankees—of his escape thru the slave quarters and of his hiding in the thickness of Drowning Creek swamp until escape was possible. Here too the faithful little fellow found adventure in slipping food to his master.

War Days
As their home was on the main road from Aberdeen to Fayetteville bands of marauders came thru frequently. Officers also stopped there searching for prisoners, and after the War the road was for months filled with a straggling procession of returning soldiers.

After the War Uncle Troy stayed on with his master for 20 years. Days of happiness and plenty—meat in the smoke-house and homespun clothes to wear, driving beef to Fayetteville and returning with a supply of sugar and coffeeeverything else was raised on the place.

We asked Uncle Troy, "What did you do after your Master died?"
"Oh then we just scattered about to different places—up at Mr. Dowd's above Carthage awhile and then to Mr. Vander McNeill's place at Raeford and to his place at Union Church." For the past 15 years he has lived on the MacPherson farm at Cameron, where he is the self-elected "Boss" over many negro tenants.

"Were you ever in a wreck?" We once asked him. "Who Me? Yasum, I'se wu'kin on de R. and C. R. R. one time and de dirt on de cut caved in and buried me all but my head. Boss man tole 'em to pull me out, but dey nearly pulled ma head off, so dey had to quit and dig me out. Dats de on'y wreck I'se ever in."

"Tell me how you liked the Dogwood Festival," I asked him.

Liked the Festival
"Oh hit uz a big time alrite. Dey's a preachuh there whut outpreached anybody I evuh heerd befo.' Heaps of 'em shouted. I believe Jawn shouted, an 'Lias too. I couldn't see um, but I heard 'em."

"Was that the best part of the day?"

"Yassum, that uz the best part. Nen they give us fish an cake to eat. Dey's mo to it, but the preachin' an the fish an cake wuz the best of all."

Uncle Troy is loyal and faithful to his white friends. He is very overbearing and autocratic with his own race. Yet he is loved by both races. He doesn't know a letter in the book, but has a homespun philosophy and wisdom that accords him respect. He has nearly a hundred living descendants, most of whom are respected negro farmers.

Although he is still active in every-

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Junior Baseball

Southern Pines Wins Two Games and Goes into Lead in Legion's League

As the result of last week's games, Southern Pines now leads the American Legion Junior Baseball League. On Wednesday July 10th, in a rather listless game, Southern Pines took West End into camp by the score of 4 to 0. Pinehurst in a closely played and interesting game, defeated Aberdeen 2 to 1. Both teams played well in the field, Pinehurst having two errors and Aberdeen one. Pinehurst's pitcher allowed three hits for a total of four bases, gave two bases on balls, hit one batter and struck out ten. The one run scored by Aberdeen was unearned. Aberdeen's pitcher allowed six hits for six bases, gave one base on balls, hit one batter and struck out six. Both of Pinehurst's runs were earned.

West End defeated Aberdeen at West End last Saturday. Southern Pines defeated Pinehurst at Pinehurst last Saturday in a game marred by argument and rain. Southern Pines' pitching had Pinehurst handcuffed, allowing only one hit. Pinehurst's starting pitcher allowed only three hits, but his slow delivery and several wild pitches accounted for his own downfall. The final score was 6 to 1. The game was suspended after Southern Pines had finished its fifth turn at bat, as it was raining heavily. After a long wait the game was resumed while it was still raining.

Standing as of Saturday July 13th.

	Won	Lost	Aver.
Southern Pines	5	3	625
West End	6	4	600
Pinehurst	4	5	433
Aberdeen	2	5	286

PINEHURST

Dr. A. S. Ruggles has returned after a month's absence during which time he enjoyed a cruise to Bermuda.

Mrs. W. C. Moore and daughter Martha of Salisbury and W. C. Moore, Jr., of New York City were guests last week of Mrs. Raymond Johnson.

Mrs. Donald Sherrerd and son George departed Sunday night for Haddonfield, N. J., where they will spend the rest of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cunningham and son Bert and Mrs. Ivey Sally and daughter Lucy Ann left on Friday by motor for Tennessee where they will visit relatives until September 1.

Friends of Mrs. Ethel Journey will be sorry to learn that she is ill.

Miss Sara Cobb of Parkton was the week-end guest of Mrs. Frank McCaskill.

Miss Alicia Moore left on Tuesday for Pittsburgh, Pa., where she will spend several weeks.

E. S. Webb is in Pinehurst with the Herndons during the peach season.

Mrs. F. L. DuPont, Mrs. E. B. Keith, Mrs. T. R. Cole, Mrs. Ralph Sutton and Mrs. Jack Mulcahy motored to Salisbury Thursday for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Parrish and children of Savannah, Ga., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sutton.

Mrs. Violet Farrell and son Desmond have gone to Canada to spend several weeks' vacation with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Cole attended the funeral of John L. Lambe at Siler City Sunday afternoon. Mr. Lambe was Mr. Cole's step-father.

Miss Carrie Ferree of the Moore County Hospital staff of nurses is away on her vacation.

Mrs. Donald Currie and son, Wilbur have gone to Green Lake, Wis., for several weeks' vacation.

Miss Desma Brown is spending several weeks at her home in Jackson Springs.

J. C. Maness of New Orleans is spending a month's vacation with home folks at Biscoe and enjoying a daily round of golf at Pinehurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnson attended the McIver-Pleasants wedding in Sanford Tuesday evening.

Misses Alicia Moore and Miriam Laird delightfully entertained the Summer Bridge club on Friday evening at the Community Club. Nine tables, attractively appointed with original tallies, were placed for the game. Mrs. Raymond Johnson and Dr. T. A. Cheatham captured high prizes and Mrs. A. S. Coburn and Alex Stewart received low score prizes.

TO STUDY IN NEW YORK

Dr. L. M. Daniels of Southern Pines will leave Sunday morning for a week's stay in New York City where he will take special work in exodontia and full dentures.

New Laws as They Affect Moore County

Institute of Government Prepares Digest of Acts of Late General Assembly

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another when such lands are in cultivation for grains, feedstuffs, garden or ornamental purposes. (2) Subsequently, House Bill 1453 was passed and provides that the owners of lands over which domestic fowl stray may, after 3 days' notice to the owner of the fowls, take or kill the fowls without any civil or criminal liability for so doing. This bill also bars use of snares, blinds, foot traps and steel traps and similar devices, or nets or baskets on any stream on lands of another in Moore. In addition to criminal penalties provided for violation of this prohibition, the landowner finding such nets or baskets on his land may confiscate them to his own use. Finally, the Bill prohibits fox hunting with gun or dog from March 1 to September 30, with violators to pay a fine of from \$10 to \$50 and, in addition, pay \$10 to the person on whose land the hunting was done. The Bill expressly does not prohibit taking suckers in any stream by seine at any time.

Chapter 367, Public-Local Laws, makes it unlawful in Moore to use any indecent or profane language or words of gross vulgarity over a telephone, or to convey a false message over a telephone, knowing it to be false, by reason of which the recipient of the message is put to expense or loss of time. The penalty for violation of this law is a fine not exceeding \$50 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days.

Exemptions Here
Moore is expressly exempted from the provisions of the following general laws: Chapter 362, Public Laws, which, beginning with the terms of those elected in the general election of 1936, provides for a four-year instead of a two-year term for Registers of Deeds; Chapter 120, Public Laws, which limits the fees of Clerks of Superior Court (to 25c) and of Registers of Deeds (to 50c) in connection with the registration of crop liens or chattel mortgages given to secure loans made by a Production Credit Association, by the North Carolina Rural Rehabilitation Corporation or by any other relief organization to relief clients; Chapter 172, Public Laws, which authorizes County Commission-

ers to purchase machinery to be used in soil erosion work and re-sell or rent it to farmers, and authorizes them to guarantee the purchase price of such machinery when bought by farmers direct from a Federal agency or other vendor; Chapter 153, Public Laws, which authorizes registration and indexing of a master or blank form of mortgage, deed of trust or other instrument conveying an interest in or creating a lien upon real property, and allows subsequently recorded instruments to incorporate all of the provisions of such master form simply by reference to it; Chapter 457, Public Laws, which prohibits the placing, temporarily or permanently, of any trash, refuse, scrapped automobiles or similar junk within 150 yards of any hard-surfaced highway outside of an incorporated city or town, unless such trash, etc., is screened from the view of persons traveling the highways; and Chapters 345 and 346, Public Laws, the first of which deals with the powers of assistants to the Clerk of Superior Court to perform administrative duties in connection with the Recorder's Court or General County Court, and the second of which allows County Commissioners, in lieu of having the Clerk act ex-officio as clerk of one of these inferior courts, require the Clerk to appoint a special deputy to take over such duties; Chapter 379, Public Laws, which started out to prescribe a uniform, State-wide schedule of fees to be charged by Clerks of Superior Court, but which ended up by prescribing a uniform schedule for slightly less than half of the state, as fifty-one counties in addition to Moore were excepted from it; Chapter 64, Public Laws, which authorizes cities and towns and Chapter 65, Public Laws, which authorizes counties to contract with private or public hospitals, located within or without the unit, for periods not exceeding 30 years, to provide for medical treatment and hospitalization of the sick and afflicted poor of the unit, provided the contract does not entail annual payments by any unit exceeding \$10,000. As indicated, Moore county is expressly excepted from the two last-mentioned Chapters but, although Chapter 64 deals only with cities and towns, no mention is made of cities and towns in Moore.

Tax Sales
In addition to all the flat exemptions just enumerated, Moore is conditionally exempted from one other

general law, Chapter 75, Public Laws, provides that suits to foreclose tax sale certificates issued for 1932 taxes may be brought at any time prior to December 1, 1935. This represents an extension of the time by six months at the maximum. The Chapter also states that it applies to suits on the tax receipt where no certificate has been sold, but most probably this type of suit may still be instituted after December 1. Be that as it may, however, the Chapter does not apply to Moore or its municipalities until the Chapter's provisions are adopted by the respective governing bodies.

Southern Pines—House Bill 1454 authorizes the governing body of Southern Pines, in their discretion, to order sale of taxes already or hereafter levied to be held on any Monday in June of any year hereafter.

Senate Bill 592 authorizes the Southern Pines School District to borrow money in anticipation of the collection of special taxes to defray the expense of purchasing materials for building a gymnasium and auditorium in connection with funds allotted by the Federal Public Works Administration. The taxes referred to are taxes already levied, and the amount borrowed may not exceed \$12,000, and the borrowing is to be done only when the other funds necessary for the construction are supplied by the PWA.

Southern Pines and Pinehurst—

Chapter 338, Public Laws, makes the provisions of Chapter 52, Public Laws of 1931, applicable in Southern Pines and Pinehurst. That Chapter created the State Board of Examiners of Heating and Plumbing Contractors and provided in detail for the examination, licensing and regulation of such contractors.

Hemp—Chapter 63, Private Laws, incorporated the Town of Hemp, defined its boundaries and appointed as its first officers: W. P. Saunders, Mayor, and E. C. McSwain, J. C. Cummings, E. R. Brown, E. M. Ritter and Branson Williams, Commissioners. The Town is given authority to levy privilege license taxes and also may levy ad valorem taxes not exceeding \$2 on the \$100 of tax valuation. Numerous other provisions regulate the powers of the Town. The Chapter also provides in detail for the performance by the Town officers of all the duties of the Sanitary District Board of the Hemp Sanitary District (now included in the Town), and validates \$60,000 in coupon bonds of the District.



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