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FUND SUFFICIENT FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

Raleigh, March 23.—The department of education has sent out a letter to all county superintendents of schools stating that the augmented educational fund provided for the six months school term for North Carolina will be amply sufficient to take care of all needs of the department of education. The thirty-two cent tax for school purposes provides about three and a half million dollars, and that, according to figures compiled by the clerks of the department, will be amply sufficient to meet all the needs.—Wilmington Star.

VROOMAN ON WILSON AND ROADS.

Ben Dixon MacNeill, writing from New Bern to the News and Observer tells something of the visit of Carl Vrooman to his town as a guest of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Vrooman was former assistant Secretary of Agriculture and is widely known as a Democratic leader. We are pleased to make the following extract from the letter in Tuesday's Raleigh daily:

Mr. Vrooman has seen Mr. Wilson at close range for a number of years, and is among the President's champions. "He is the biggest man in the world," he declared, "but his inaccessibility and his dependence upon those around him have almost wrecked his career. . . . If he would have called in available advisers, and not depend upon himself and a few friends, he could have had the whole country behind him, and the whole world ready to do his slightest suggestion."

Roads in North Carolina please him greatly. "It is foolishness for you to spend money for concrete roads down here," he said. "These sand-clay roads, properly built and properly kept up, are the best that can be had. I wish we had as good roads in Illinois as you have down here. You never have freezes to disrupt your foundations, your climate suits the sand-clay roads, they withstand any sort of traffic if you keep them up, and they are much easier on vehicles than the unyielding concrete road."

"It is criminal almost for states or counties to build concrete roads now. Necessary industrial expansion demands every barrel of concrete that can be produced for the next three years, and yet states are buying it at enormous prices to build roads they don't need. Three years from now it may be all right to build concrete roads, but now industry needs the concrete and the labor that it takes to build such a road. Here and there North Carolina needs a concrete road, but what ought to be done is to build sand-clay roads and keep them up."

"I had no idea the South was such a country as it is. Looking at maps of it you'd think it was all swamp and sand hill. We have had agricultural prosperity out in the Middle West, but not anything like you have it here. The South is in the saddle, not politically, but agriculturally and industrially. You have just begun to grow, and I am going back up there in Illinois and see if I can't sell some of my land and come down here and get some of this eastern Carolina Eden."

Mrs. Humphrey Ward Dead.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward, a well known English novelist, died at a London hospital of heart disease Wednesday. Mrs. Ward was the author of quite a number of popular novels, the one which made her reputation, "Robert Elsmere," being published in 1888. Other books which she wrote later were "Lady Rose's Daughter," "Fenwick's Career," and "Diana Mallory." Mrs. Ward was born in Tasmania in 1851 and was the niece of the poet Matthew Arnold. Her husband, Thomas Humphrey Ward, was also a writer of some note. Mrs. Ward was very much opposed to woman's suffrage.

Motion Pictures in Schools.

Motion pictures are fast becoming a big feature in the public schools. It is estimated by the Community Motion Picture Bureau of New York, an organization which specializes in this kind of work, that there are now in the United States 620 schools using motion pictures in some form. Each week the number is being added to. In Texas it is the law that each new public school going up shall be equipped with a projecting machine.—News and Observer.

GENERAL NEWS

A well digger in Canada recently discovered what appeared to be gold nuggets while working in a shallow well.

The United States has taken a place with China. These two nations are the only eligible ones now left out of the League of Nations.

William Jennings Bryan is starting up a campaign for election as one of the "big four" to the Democratic National convention at San Francisco.

The city council of Denver, Colorado, has proposed a bill not to allow any horses, cattle or swine on the streets of Denver after January 1, 1925.

Henry Morganthau, of New York, former ambassador to Turkey, has been nominated by President Wilson to be ambassador to Mexico to succeed Henry P. Fletcher, resigned.

Representative Hannibal L. Godwin introduced three bills in the House Tuesday providing for appropriations to build postoffice buildings in his district, they being Lumberton, Dunn and Southport, each for \$100,000.

New York City's Daylight Saving Law will go into effect next Sunday morning and will remain in effect until the last Sunday in October. Some of the suburbanites are worrying over the fact that they will leave New York at five o'clock and will arrive at home at five o'clock, one hour later.

Consolidation of the Chemical and Citizens national banks of New York city is announced. The combined institution will have a capital of \$4,500,000, surplus of \$13,500,000, undivided profits approximating \$1,000,000, gross deposits of \$140,000,000 and total resources of \$200,000,000. The Chemical National was founded in 1824 and the Citizens' National in 1851.

Gold coin valued at approximately \$10,000,000 has been taken from the sub-treasury for shipment to South America, chiefly for the Argentine government. This makes a total outflow of about \$57,000,000 to that country so far this year. The Argentine government and private bankers had in reserve in Washington during the greater part of 1919, gold coin and bullion estimated at \$75,000,000 to \$125,000,000.

Selma Connection Sure.

The Corporation Commission issued an order Monday calling for certain changes in the schedules of certain Southern and Atlantic Coast Line trains in order to make connection at Selma. From and after next Sunday the Southern train No. 112 will arrive at Selma from Greensboro at 5:10 A. M. instead of 5:20. The Atlantic Coast Line will hold train No. 83 twelve minutes at Selma for this connection unless the Southern is more than fifteen minutes late.

Christian Reid Dead.

Mrs. Frances Fisher-Tiernan, of Salisbury, North Carolina novelist whose non-de-plume was Christian Reid, died at her home Wednesday of pneumonia. She was 74 years old. Her literary interests included poetry, drama, travel notes, and fiction. She wrote more than 30 novels and hundreds of short stories. One of her early books, "The New Eldorado, or The Land of the Sky," the theme of which had to do with Western North Carolina, furnished a popular name for that part of the state.

Baxter Durham for Auditor

State Auditor, Col. W. P. Wood, who has held this position for ten years has announced that he is not a candidate for reelection. Major Baxter Durham has announced his candidacy for the place. Major Durham has been identified with that state department for 12 years and for the past year has been traveling auditor.

Mr. I. C. Griffin Appointed.

Governor Bickett has appointed Mr. I. C. Griffin, for many years superintendent of Shelby graded schools, a member of the State Board of Examiners and Institute Conductors.

Probably Second-hand.

Although woman is a natural bargain hunter, she does not care to marry a man in reduced circumstances.—Cartoons Magazine.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BOON HILL

Princeton, March 24.—Mr. J. W. Perry has gone to Florida for the benefit of his health. He was partially paralyzed more than a year ago.

Mr. Charlie Braswell from Rocky Mount is visiting relatives here for a few days.

New arrivals this week are reported as follows: A fine baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Murry Lynch; a bouncing baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Rierston; a baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Langston; a girl, also to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Briggs. Mrs. Briggs was a Princeton girl.

Mr. Luther Grantham has returned home from Goldsboro where he has been for several weeks under treatment of physicians. His condition is yet very serious, although he can walk a little with much difficulty.

Hundreds of shad are being caught every night by the citizens of this territory. A good many of them are white shad.

Mrs. R. S. Stevens has been visiting in Smithfield this week.

The quantity of mail received and delivered from the Princeton post office amounts to about three hundred pounds per day—about two times as much as it was only four years ago. About one thousand five hundred letters are received each day. The other big items are newspapers, catalogues and parcel post packages. There is more mail received at the office now in one day than was received in one month a few years ago.

Mr. Jim Hinton from Clayton and Mr. Vass Barber from Norfolk, Va., were visitors in town a short while today.

Boon Hill sent fifty eight young men to the world war. Three of them were killed in France, two died in army hospitals. All the others returned and have entered some line of honest work. Not one of them is known to be loafing. There were about eighteen negro young men from this section and all returned. Some of them are in jail, some on the scout, and all are said to be implicated in the blind tiger whiskey business.

Princeton had one week of carnival. It is said by some merchants that the carnival company receipts were more than two hundred dollars per day, not including the amounts that were lost in the gambling devices. One man lost sixty dollars at one time. Those who dance must pay the fiddler.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Wiggs will regret to learn of the serious condition of their oldest son. He had a serious case of flu and it settled on his brain. He is now in a most pitiful condition.

Relatives have received word that R. J. Warren would visit his old home some time soon. Jack left here nearly forty years ago, and settled at Port Chester, New York state.

A Big Still Captured.

On Wednesday March 24 one of the biggest stills ever captured in this county was taken by Sheriff Massey, Mr. J. D. Stephenson and Mr. George Moore. It was found with everything complete and running on Spring branch in Wilders township. There were six large vats for beer at the still. There were about twenty four hundred gallons of beer in these vats. Just before they reached the place two pistol shots were fired as signals to the blockaders to leave the still. The last man to leave the still was seen by the sheriff and his deputies. They captured 111 gallons of molasses in two full barrels which was brought to Smithfield. Besides this they took hooks, shovels, axes, buckets, saws, flash lights, an auger, a lantern, one shirt, one pair overalls, one pair overshoes and six packs cigarettes.

Burlington to Have No Carnivals.

At a meeting of the Alamance County Board of Health resolutions have been passed prohibiting the exhibition of circuses and carnivals within the confines of Alamance county. The Board declared that such shows with the attendant crowds were a menace to the health of the county. The order will be enforced until revoked by the Board.

Rexall Meeting in Greensboro.

The annual meeting of the Rexall druggists of North Carolina was held in Greensboro this week at the O. Henry. About 100 members of the association were present.

CLAYTON NEWS.

Clayton, March 24.—Mrs. G. H. Johnson and little daughter Catherine of Enfield have been here for a few days this week.

Miss Alta Dedham a student at G. C. W. was here for the past week end.

Mr. A. Sam White spent the week end at Concord with his father.

Mr. P. K. Honeycutt from Kinston was in town Tuesday.

Mr. P. A. Wallace has returned from New York where he went to buy goods for A. Horne & Son.

Mrs. L. M. Edgerton and Mary Ida Edgerton are here spending the week with friends.

Miss Eula Maie Farmer was called home from Greensboro College for Women last Saturday on account of the death of her brother, Mr. Ashley Farmer.

Miss Lola Gurley spent the week end at her home in Selma.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Gulley and little daughter Cora Belle spent Tuesday in Smithfield.

Mrs. C. E. Hamilton is spending some time with her parents at Grover.

Mr. Vassie Barbour of Norfolk spent a few days here this week.

Misses Mildred Harris and Barbara Gulley and Mr. Howard Gulley are spending this afternoon in Smithfield.

Mrs. Thurman Smith, Misses Barbara and Jessie Gulley spent Monday afternoon in Raleigh.

Miss Gladys Barbour who has not entirely recovered from a spell of pneumonia has been very sick today. We hope she will soon be well again.

Goldsboro People Injured.

Wayne superintendent of public Welfare, A. E. Howell, his wife and little son, were all three injured in an automobile accident near Goldsboro Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Howell's injuries were most serious and she was rushed to a local hospital.

Not to Control Coal Prices.

President Wilson Tuesday ordered abandonment of government control over bituminous coal prices. The termination of price control will take place April 1. The president warned the operators against unreasonable prices.

Mrs. R. S. Clark Dead.

Mrs. Ruth Stephenson Clark, wife of Mr. R. S. Clark, died Tuesday afternoon at Sanatorium after an illness of about one year. The funeral will take place this morning at 11 o'clock at Smithfield. The following will act as pallbearers: Messrs. E. B. Crow, J. W. Kellogg, John Sherwood, C. W. Ellington, C. A. Gosney and J. C. Allison. Mrs. Clark left no children.—News and Observer, March 25.

Mrs. Clark was buried yesterday near Barbour's Mill, in the neighborhood of her mother's old home. As a girl Mrs. Clark lived in Smithfield where her father, Mr. W. J. Stephenson was a contractor and builder.

Cyclone Mack in Rocky Mount.

An evangelistic campaign is on in Rocky Mount having begun Sunday. Rev. Baxter M. McLendon, known as "Cyclone Mack", is conducting it, the meetings being held in the Farmers Mutual Warehouse.

Colby Commencement Speaker.

Bainbridge Colby, the new secretary of state, will be the commencement day orator at the University of North Carolina this year. He will speak on June 16, and will probably be heard by a great and representative audience.

Connecticut Not to Call Session.

Governor Marcus H. Holcomb, Republican, has flatly refused to call a special session of the Connecticut legislature to act on the Federal suffrage amendment. The Republican state convention called upon the governor for a special session.

Tower and Chimes at State College

From the numerous forms of memorials which have been proposed as a tribute to 33 former students at State College, Raleigh, it was decided to erect a tower and chimes on the college campus. The tower will probably be about 90 feet high and will cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000, the clock \$2,400 and the chimes \$16,500.

CARTER SCHOOL HOUSE NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Parrish of Apex spent last Sunday with Mrs. Mollie Rains.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Peedin of Pine Level visited Mrs. C. F. Boykin last Sunday.

Mrs. Rayford Oliver of Pine Level is spending some time with the family of Mr. J. S. Stancil.

Miss Annie Boykin and little Billie Williams have returned home after spending quite awhile in Wilson visiting relatives and friends. They were accompanied home by Mrs. C. A. Williamson.

Misses Etta and Eula Creech of the Sanders Chapel section spent last week end with Miss Kate Rains.

Mrs. G. G. Edgerton of Princeton is spending quite a while with her mother Mrs. W. H. Etheredge.

Mr. Noble Hinnant of Micro spent last Sunday with Mr. Willie Boykin.

Messrs. Paul, Luther and Ennis Etheredge of Kenly spent last Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Etheredge.

Miss Doris Creech went to Wilson last Saturday shopping.

Miss Collins of Goldsboro was the guest of Miss Anna Boykin last week end.

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HOPEWELL NEWS.

The farmers of this section are very glad to see this fine weather.

Mr. Erwin Pittman of Smithfield spent Saturday night in the country at the home of his uncle, Mr. J. O. Stephenson.

Miss Bessie Stephenson spent Monday in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. D. U. Thompson and Misses Sallie and Nettie Wright motored to Powhatan Sunday.

Miss Ila Woodall spent Sunday with her aunt Mrs. Orlando Barbour at Benson.

The Hopewell Community Club met Thursday night March 18 and a very interesting program was rendered. A box party will take the place of our next community meeting which will be April 1. Everybody is cordially invited.

8TH GRADE PUPIL.

Four Dead and Seven Injured.

Early Tuesday morning the collapse of a two story brick wall in Roanoke, Va., caused the death of four men and the injury of seven others. The wall collapsed as the result of an explosion either from an ammonia pipe or a boiler, it was doubtful which.

Drives Car Into Curb.

M. P. Webb, who was driving his car in West Asheville Tuesday, ran his car into sidewalk and large brick building to avoid a child who was playing in the street. Mr. Webb received serious injuries and the machine was torn to pieces.

Baptist Women to Meet at Shelby.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina will be held in Shelby April 6 to 8. Mrs. W. N. Jones, of Raleigh, is president of the Union.

Browning of New Jersey Dead.

Representative W. J. Browning, of New Jersey, dropped dead Wednesday in the barber shop at the capitol. He was about to step out of the barber's chair when he was stricken with heart disease and died before physicians could reach him.

Woman Member of Civil Service Com.

Helen Hamilton Gardner, author and lecturer of Washington City, has been appointed by President Wilson as a member of the Civil Service Commission to succeed Charles M. Gallo-way, resigned. She gives as one reason for accepting the place the fact that if women are to enter fully into the benefits of American citizenship, they must not refuse to take up such duties as are laid upon them.

Four Oaks Store.

Mr. W. J. Lewis has an ad in this issue Four Oaks. He moved to Four Oaks from near Bentonville several years ago and has all along been increasing his stock and building up his trade. Now he prides himself with being able to meet the demands of the people who want goods.

NEWS FROM SELMA.

Mr. Robert Lee Ray, Jr., has joined the sales force of the Spark Intensifier Co., a gasoline consumer and spark increaser made exclusively for Henry Ford's "products."

Mr. C. J. Joyner spent Monday and Tuesday in Raleigh, as a witness for the defense in a law suit against the Atlantic Coast Line railroad.

Quite a few of our people saw the Aurora Borealis Monday night which appeared about 8 or 9 o'clock.

Mrs. C. W. Richardson is visiting relatives and friends in Raleigh this week.

Mr. Douglas Driver has recently affiliated himself with the firm of Roberts, Corbett and Woodard.

Mr. O. N. Lovelace of Goldsboro was a visitor in the city Tuesday morning.

Miss Margie C. Benoy who is attending school at Peace Institute spent the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Benoy.

Mr. Frank O. Ray was a visitor in the city of Goldsboro last week.

Mrs. Sarah E. Creech has just returned from a visit to her daughter in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. W. B. Roberts has recently bought the handsome residence on South Railroad street from Mr. J. W. Short where Mr. Raymond now lives. Mr. Raymond plans to occupy the residence just back of Mr. J. W. Short's home.

The preliminaries for the triangular debate were held Friday in the school auditorium. The judges selected Cronje Earp, W. J. Talton, James Fields and Baxter Ray to debate Smithfield and Clayton on April the ninth.

Little Malissa, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Eason, had the misfortune to break a leg sometime ago by falling off of the porch. She is somewhat better now.

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Four Oaks Firm in Four Stores.

Several months ago the R. I. Lassiter property on the west side of the railroad in Four Oaks was purchased and arrangements were made for a large building of store rooms. It has just been completed and James A. Creech & Company have moved into it. First is the ladies store with dress goods and ladies ready to wear goods and such other things as the ladies will want to buy. Next store contains the men's goods, clothing, etc. The third store is the hardware department. The fourth store contains the groceries. The next store is used as a warehouse. The building has 140 feet front and goes back from the street sixty feet. It is one of the largest single story buildings in the county and the entire building is being used by one firm. Messrs. James A. Creech, H. W. Creech, A. M. Langdon, B. T. Barbour, T. C. Barbour and T. F. Watkins are the members of the firm. Mr. James A. Creech is now on the northern markets buying more goods.

Five Wake Stills in One Day.

The capture of five blockade stills in one day in Wake county, four of them being on one farm, was a record made yesterday by raiders headed by Deputy Sheriff Jesse Wyatt. In addition to the five stills, over 1,000 gallons of beer and a small quantity of whiskey were destroyed.—News and Observer, 24.

Suffrage Fight in Delaware.

Both sides, the suffragists and the antis, are said to be hard at work on the Delaware legislature and both sides seem to be confident of the outcome. Veteran campaigners said the fight transcends that experienced in any other state.

Mother of Secretary Christens Bdat.

Mrs. Mary G. Baker, mother of Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, acted as sponsor Wednesday at the launching of the sixth of the concrete passenger steamers being built at New Bern for the quartermaster department of the army.

Trinity Glee Club to Tour State

For the first time in three years on account of war times, the Trinity Glee Club gave a concert in Craven Memorial Hall Monday evening. The Club appeared in Greensboro Wednesday night at G. C. W. and an extended trip will be taken through the state.