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## NORTH CAROLINA TEACHERS ASSEMBLY

### Favors More Pay for State Superintendent—R. H. Latham, President

Asheville, Nov. 26.—Indorsement of government plans for an appropriation of \$100,000,000 to be used for fighting illiteracy by instituting a general school building program in the United States, and expressly going on record as favoring a salary of \$8,000 per annum for the North Carolina state school superintendent, the North Carolina teachers' assembly this afternoon closed its 1920 business session in Asheville.

Officers for the new year were elected as follows: R. H. Latham, superintendent of city schools in Winston-Salem, assembly president; C. E. Brewer, president Meredith college, Raleigh, vice-president; A. T. Allen, secretary state board of examiners, Raleigh, secretary-treasurer.

Executive committee, Miss Bettie Aiken Land, Guilford county school supervisor; E. A. Akers, superintendent Halifax county; Miss Nellie Fleming, teacher Burlington and A. J. Hutchins, principal Asheville high school.

The meeting was held in the city auditorium and was called to order by S. B. Underwood, president of the assembly. Adoption of resolutions calling for indorsement of government plans and in regard to the salary of the state superintendent followed election of officers.

Only one action of the resolutions committee report was objected to, that of recommending a \$6,000 salary for the state superintendent. After a lively debate, started by W. H. Hipps, of Smithfield, Johnston county, who moved that the report be amended, the assembly went on record in favor of the higher figure.

One other resolution introduced from the floor by Miss Mary Graham, a former president, calling for indorsement of the educational survey and a vote of thanks to those who did the work, Dr. Frank P. Bachman in particular was unanimously adopted. Miss Graham pointed out that whereas more than \$40,000 had been expended in making the report it was the duty of every teacher to study it minutely.

A second floor resolution introduced jointly by W. R. Mills, of Louisburg and H. B. Marrow, of Smithfield, was laid on the table for action at the next year's business session. This resolution would change the method of election of officers, eliminating a nomination committee, and instituting a direct delegate vote for nomination and election.

A movement to change the meeting time of the general assembly, which started as the convention was about to adjourn its business, met with little favor, but nevertheless, caused a lengthy debate. The motion was finally voted down, when it was found that delegates in the main were opposed to a change.

Thanksgiving day, it was decided was the best time on which to convene the assembly, due to the fact that a general holiday was declared in the schools and that arrangements could easily be made for remaining away from study on the following days, Friday and Saturday. The present plan, it was pointed out, caused the teachers to be away from school only one teaching day, as Thanksgiving day and Saturday are recognized holidays. Whereas, should the assembly be held at any other time except Christmas, when the teachers all desire to be at home, they would lose two or even three days.

While the assembly left decision as to the next meeting place of the organization in the hands of the executive committee, it is believed that the 1921 assembly will be held in Raleigh. This opinion is based on sentiment expressed by individual delegates.

Secretary Allen's report revealed the fact that this year's business meeting of the assembly is the banner event, from point of attendance. A total enrollment of 8,004 members, it was shown, had been recorded in Asheville.—Greensboro News.

Next Monday night the business meeting of the Epworth League will be held. A council meeting will be held Friday night. All officers are expected to be present.

## Washington Loses Mr. Tuttle

Considerable surprise was manifested among local citizens yesterday when they learned of Mr. Tuttle's removal from the pastorate of the local Methodist church to Smithfield. He will be succeeded here by Rev. J. H. McCracken, now pastor at Wilmington.

Washington will be sorry to lose Mr. Tuttle—and that doesn't half-way begin to express it.

During his three years of ministry here, he has made hundreds of warm friends—and a few enemies. His enemies are to his credit. He has never hesitated to speak as his conscience directed him.

It is impossible to estimate the amount of good that Mr. Tuttle has accomplished during his stay in Washington. Preaching sermons has been only a small part of his work. He visited the sick, aided those who needed help, interested himself in community problems and was ready to render his services whenever called upon. Financially, the local Methodist church has made a splendid showing during the time of his administration.

Few pastors have ever left Washington who have carried away with them the feeling that Washington holds towards Mr. Tuttle. He has been one of the best preachers this city has ever had. His work will live among us for many years after his departure.

Washington is the loser and Smithfield is the gainer. All we can say is that Smithfield is getting one of the finest men that ever spoke from the pulpit.

And with Mr. Tuttle, Washington will be sorry to lose the members of his splendid family who have made such warm and devoted friends in our midst and for whom the entire city feels the deepest affection. There are not many families in this world that are superior in any way to the Tuttle family. God bless them!—Washington Daily News.

## Methodists Quit Interchurch Move

Atlantic City, Nov. 25.—The board of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church voted today to discontinue all participation in the interchurch world movement, adopting the report of a special committee which had been considering the matter. The bishops however, agreed to pay the \$1,500,000 which the Methodist Church had pledged to the movement.

Bishop Joseph Berry of Philadelphia addressed the board today, declaring that theatrical managers and baseball magnates were organizing agencies to work for relaxation of the laws for Sunday observance. He objected to the term "blue laws" and declared that 90 per cent of the Protestant population of the United States and large numbers of Catholics and Hebrews are in favor of strict Sunday observance.

## FOUR OAKS NEWS

Four Oaks, Nov. 27.—Mrs. Leslie Hudson and children spent the weekend at Dunn.

Miss Catherine Wilson left Wednesday for Asheville where she went to attend the Teachers' Assembly.

Miss Martha Ratcliffe left Wednesday for Tarboro where she went to spend the Thanksgiving holidays.

Miss Annie Ford went to Maxton Wednesday where she went to spend a few days.

Miss Caroline Fitzgerald spent the week-end at her home in Micro.

Mrs. J. W. Hollowell and Mrs. Hugh Slater, of Rocky Mount, visited at the home of Mrs. C. H. Wellons last week.

Rev. M. P. Davis, of Albermarle, preached a very interesting sermon at the Baptist church last Sunday.

Many of our town people were very glad to learn that Rev. E. B. Craven, pastor of the M. E. Church here will return to Four Oaks for the coming year.

## Wilson Prices Decrease

Wilson, Nov. 26.—It looks blue and is blue for tobacco farmers. H. B. Johnson, supervisor of sales on the Wilson market, reports for the week ending November 24, four days sales, 2,635,874 pounds, which brought \$228,033.29, an average of \$23.82 per hundred pounds, a decrease of \$3.17 over previous week's sales. Sold to date, 30,129,390 pounds for \$7,486,331.52, all round average of \$24.84 per hundred pounds.—News and Observer.

## GENERAL AND STATE NEWS PARAGRAPHS

### Items of Interest Gathered and Condensed from Daily Newspapers

The president of the Bank of Enfield, Ivey Watson, was lured from his home Tuesday night by an unknown party. A telephone message stated that a man wished to see him on important business at his home near town. He found, upon going, that the message was fake and upon his return a shot was fired at him. Bloodhounds went to the home of a negro who was taken into custody.

The ninety-fifth annual North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant church convened in Enfield last week. One hundred fifty preachers and lay delegates were in attendance.

Nine men are dead from burns in a fire at a mine near Birmingham, Ala. A gas explosion was the cause of the fire.

A mass meeting of the citizens of Monroe was held Tuesday night to discuss a proposed \$200,000 bond issue for school purposes in that city. The proceeds of the bonds if issued will be used for the erection of a high school building.

The steamship Olympic brought \$5,000,000 worth of gold to New York Thursday. It was regarded in financial quarters as the beginning of another extensive movement of the metal to the United States.

Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of Lord Mayor Terrence MacSwiney, of Cork, is on her way to the United States having sailed Thursday on the steamer Celtic. She is coming to America to testify before the commission of 100 investigating the Irish question.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the entire plant of the Farmers Oil Mill near Nashville Friday afternoon. The damage was estimated to be in excess of \$75,000.

No fire crackers and bombs will be sold in Kinston this Christmas, according to a dispatch to the News and Observer. Municipal officials are taking authority to prohibit the sale of these articles against fire.

## Harding in Panama City.

Panama City, Panama, Nov. 25.—A pledge of enduring brotherhood and co-operation between Panama and the United States was pronounced here tonight by President Porras of the Panama republic and Warren G. Harding, President-elect of the United States.

Speaking at a banquet given by him in honor of Mr. Harding, Senator Porras declared it was the wish of the Pan-American nations that the United States should continue as "the polar star of our American continent, lighting the way for other peoples that they may follow in the paths of liberty and independence."

In reply Mr. Harding voiced warm reciprocation of these expressions of friendship and declared that it was one of his fondest hopes to see the Americas—North, Central and South—united in the purpose of living peacefully and in co-operation.—Associated Press.

## Colored K. P. Give Barbecue Supper

The new colored Lodge of the Knights of Pythias presented a most creditable and "appetizing" social, in the form of a Barbecue Supper at the Training School Auditorium Thanksgiving night. There were about 200 persons present including members of the Lodge, the ministers, Training School faculty, and other invited guests.

At 9 o'clock Prof. W. M. Cooper addressed the gathering pointedly, and forcefully, showing the value of difficulties and obstacles when they challenge one to greater effort.

Everyone was invited to supper immediately after this timely talk, and were served with delicious barbecue fresh from the coals. Not only did every one leave in high spirits, but all agree that it is a credit to the town of Smithfield as well as to the colored people that such a large undertaking should be carried out in such a splendid manner.

## THE TROUBLE IN JACKSON COUNTY

### The Biblical Recorder Comments on the Election Trouble

The election occurred on November 2. This is being written on November 20, and the returns from the Jackson County election have not yet been counted. The contest was very close there, and both parties claimed the victory. When the poll-holders met to count the returns, the feeling was tense, and a crowd gathered about the court-house making threats if the returns were not such as they thought they ought to be. The officials appealed to Governor Bickett for military aid to suppress a riot if one should threaten to break out. The Governor declined to send troops, but asked the sheriff to summon as many men as he might need to aid in protecting the poll-holders. At last the Governor ordered the poll-holders to bring the ballot boxes to Asheville for the purpose of counting.

We call attention to this matter to make two or three comments. In the first place, we deplore the fact that anywhere in North Carolina those who have been charged with the responsibility of safeguarding the ballots of free voters should be interfered with in the performance of their duty. Should the judges of election leave room for the belief that they acted illegally, appeal can be taken to the courts and the matter decided there.

In the second place, we believe that Governor Bickett acted wisely in not sending troops to Jackson. In a republic everything should be avoided which has the semblance of military force in conducting elections. The bayonet at the ballot box is very undesirable, and we trust it will never be necessary to resort to military force in our conservative old State to safeguard the electorate.

In the third place, we are profoundly convinced that the stability of our republic depends upon honest elections. Carrying elections by fraud may secure a temporary advantage, but in the long run it will react upon those who pursue that method. It is right and proper for voters to have convictions and to use all their persuasive power to convince others that their convictions are right. But when ballots are cast, they should be counted honestly, and those who are defeated should abide by the rule of the majority.

Let it be understood that we are not here intimating that the judges of election in Jackson would wink at fraud or dishonesty, but we presume that it was the fear that such might be the case which led to the bitter feeling in that closely contested county.—Biblical Recorder.

## Dinner Party for Herald Staff.

The Herald staff celebrated Thanksgiving in a most hearty manner, last Friday evening when Mr. J. M. Beaty, the Proprietor-in-chief and his hospitable wife entertained the entire force—their journalistic family—at a sumptuous seven o'clock dinner. The home on Fifth street was decorated in potted plants, and the soft glow of electrolights lent an added charm to the scene. The table, with its center piece of red and pink roses and Asparagus Plumousus, was soon a place of happiness as well as beauty, for the twelve guests sat down to one of the most delicious four course dinners which ever pleased the eye and satisfied the palate. A huge turkey with all the toothsome dainties which generally wait in his train, occupied the place of honor in a meal which began with smoking hot oysters and ended with Pound cake and Neapolitan ice-cream. After these subjects had been fully discussed, the guests spent the remainder of the evening in the Drawing-room engaged in merry conversation interspersed with sweet music.

Those invited to share the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Beaty on this occasion were: Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, Miss Bettie Lee Sanders, Miss Mattie Pou, Miss Edith Powell, Miss Cora Bell Ives, Rev. E. G. Stephen, of Ky., Mr. W. M. Gaskin, Mr. Ira Medlin, Mr. N. E. Humphrey, Mr. E. L. Tate, Mr. D. B. Wharton, Mr. L. D. Wharton, Jr. and Masters William and Tom Lassiter.

## Henry Lewis Graves, Sr. Dead

Mr. Henry Lewis Graves, Sr., the father of Mrs. L. S. Hadley, of Wilson died Monday at 2 p. m., at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. J. M. Thompson in Goldsboro, from a complication of diseases.

Mr. Graves was born October 24, 1847, in Ramseur, Randolph county being the elder of two sons of pious parents, Calvin E. and Caroline Foust Graves. At the early age of ten he united by profession of faith with the Buffalo Ford Presbyterian Church, Randolph county, laying the foundation for a life of godliness and service for the Master.

When Henry Lewis was about 12 years of age his father moved with the family to Trinity. Here he was educated in Old Trinity; his studies were interrupted when he was sixteen by his entering the ranks of the Confederacy, serving on the body guard of Jefferson Davis till Lee's surrender. He then returned to Trinity and completed his studies in two years.

He was married May 18, 1870 to Mary Elizabeth Williamson. To this union were born six children, three of whom died in infancy and childhood. His wife died three years and a half ago and his son, Henry Graves, Jr., only five months ago. There remain to mourn him two daughters, Mrs. L. S. Hadley, of Wilson, and Mrs. J. M. Thompson, of Goldsboro and his only brother, Mr. Geo. C. Graves, of Carthage.

Mr. Graves has many friends in several cities of the state where he resided and engaged in business. For the past twenty-five years he held a responsible position with the Dunlop Flour Mills, of Richmond, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him for his integrity, honesty, frankness, generosity, and buoyant disposition.

He has resided for thirty years in Smithfield. Soon after his removal there he became the leading spirit in the organization of a Presbyterian Church and was elected a Ruling Elder in that church. He took a lively interest in civic affairs and did much for the social and political betterment of his community.

The body was interred in Smithfield Tuesday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. E. L. Flanagan, of Wilson.—The Wilson Times.

## Serious Cutting in Zebulon

Following an altercation on the street in Zebulon yesterday afternoon, S. M. Finch, a real estate dealer, of that town, cut Dr. J. M. Harper's throat, and while Finch is at liberty under bond of \$2,000, Dr. Harper is in a dangerous condition at his home in Zebulon.

The dispute, which resulted in the cutting scrape, it was learned last night, from a difference over an account which the real estate man alleges was due him by Dr. Harper. Several blows were passed between the two men yesterday before the cutting. In the exchange, it was said, Finch was knocked down. Finch used a pocket knife. The long gash across his throat, barely missing his jugular vein, caused Dr. Harper to bleed profusely. Dr. J. W. McGee, his father-in-law, came here from Raleigh as soon as he was informed of the cutting.—News and Observer.

## A Million For N. C. Waterways

Washington, Nov. 26.—An appropriation of more than a million dollars, for North Carolina rivers and harbors is recommended in the annual report of the board of army engineers made public this afternoon. Of this sum nearly \$700,000 is proposed for the improvement and maintenance of the Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington.

Total appropriations asked for North Carolina streams and harbors amount \$1,073,810. For the Cape Fear river it is proposed to expend \$659,000, while the waterway from Norfolk to Albemarle sound is listed for an allowance of \$274,310.

A year ago the army engineers proposed appropriations of approximately one and a quarter millions for North Carolina projects and the house committee recommended substantially this amount. Under the economy program of Congress the \$40,000,000 river and harbors budget was finally cut down to only \$12,000,000 and North Carolina naturally received only a pittance for waterways. What fate awaits the estimates of the army engineers this season is problematical.—Theodore Tiller in Greensboro News.

## OFFERING FOR FREE WILL ORPHANAGE

### Pleasant Plain Church Does Noble Deed for Institution At Middlesex

The people in the community of Pleasant Plain church did a very commendable thing Thanksgiving when they got up a donation for the Free-will Orphanage at Middlesex. J. E. Foster, representing the aid society of the Pleasant Plain church got up the offering. He writes as follows concerning it:

"We loaded a truck Thanksgiving morning and started. We had very good luck in getting there in time to get in line with the Juniors who presented to the school a Bible and Flag, and to hear the exercises after which we had dinner.

"There was some disappointment when we found the children with whooping cough they not being allowed out of the building. The people were expecting to give them dinner on the yard, but we filled the dining room with good things to eat for them. Here is my list of contributors below:

"J. H. McCall 50cts.; J. M. Garner 25cts.; Mrs. G. L. Scott 50 cts. and one ham; J. P. Temple 50cts.; C. H. Wheeler \$1.00; A. B. Wheeler 25 cts.; D. B. Pittman \$1.00; N. A. Jones \$1; J. E. Foster 20 pounds beef; India Foster one can sweet pickles and one chicken; Mrs. D. T. Bailey one can peaches and one can preserves; J. Pittman one can preserves; Mrs. J. W. Bailey 7 cents; Mrs. Ada Phillips one can beans; Mrs. Laura Phillips one can peaches; Miss Ellen Phillips one peck potatoes; Mrs. W. C. Hunt one can peaches; Mrs. Sarah Peterson one can huckleberries; Claude Smith \$1.00 and half bushel potatoes; Dimpie Morris 1 bushel potatoes; Mrs. Nancy Vance, 2 chickens and one bushel potatoes; Mrs. L. R. Batten four cans peaches; J. R. Morris 50cts.; Jasper Starling 25cts.; J. S. Sullivan \$1.00 and two bushel potatoes; L. T. Creech \$1.00; J. W. Blackman \$1.00, one bushel meal and two chickens; L. E. Phillips 50cts.; H. R. Sullivan \$1, one bushel potatoes and one chicken; Bill Sullivan 25cts. and one chicken; W. W. Sherron, 50cts. and one chicken; Joel Garner 50cts.; Mrs. W. A. Creech one chicken; Mrs. Mary Brown one chicken; B. H. Holland \$1.00; Joel Rallings 3 pecks corn, one bushel potatoes and \$1.00; Mrs. J. W. Stallings one can peaches, one chicken; Mrs. J. C. Glover, half bushel potatoes, one can peaches and one chicken; Mrs. Nancy J. Brown, collards.

"You see for yourself we had it all from ham to collards."

## 35 States Want Sabbath Laws

New York, Nov. 24.—Enactment of laws for strict enforcement of the Christian sabbath will be urged in the legislatures of at least 35 states during 1921 the Lord's Day Alliance announced here today.

An effort will be made to stop "commercialization" of the sabbath, said Dr. Henry L. Bowlby, secretary of the alliance, with elimination of Sunday professional baseball, motion pictures and automobiling. All stores would be closed.

"We would not impose a Puritan sabbath," said Dr. Bowlby, "but we would have more of the spirit of the Puritans in our observance of the Lord's day. The moral tone of the nation is slipping backward steadily and the people must return to spiritual things."

## What's Sauce For the Goose

Once Mark Twain walked across the street to borrow a book from his neighbor. Mark was informed that he might use the book if he read it on the premises. Next summer this same neighbor came over to Mark's house to borrow the lawn mower. "Certainly," said Mark, "provided you use it on my premises."—The Open Road.

## Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for the many acts of kindness and help given us in the sickness and death of our dear husband and father.

Mrs. W. A. Smith and children.