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EDUCATION FIGHT IN GEN. ASSEMBLY

Move To Increase Equalization Fund For Public Schools Causes Tie-Up In Senate

ALSO VETERANS FIGHT

Raleigh, Mar. 10.—The outstanding fight of this session of the General Assembly developed during last week when Senator Seawell of Lee led the move to increase the equalization fund for public schools. This fight was largely responsible for the tie-up in the Senate of important legislation necessitating extra days of the session, although the failure of the House and Senate conferees to present a satisfactory report on the revenue bill amendments also delayed the sine die adjournment.

Senator Seawell's fight for education resulted in the Governor's first defeat in the Legislature. Aided by other sympathetic Senators, the Lee county orator opposed the action of the Governor in seeking to have the funds from the control of busses placed in the general fund so as to be able to present a balanced budget.

The Lee county Senator said education was more important than a balanced budget for Mr. McLean and declared against the policy of Mr. McLean in allowing education to suffer in order that his balance sheet might be evened up. The Lee county Senator was victorious, and the measure was sent to the House for concurrence, that body having in the meanwhile acceded to the Governor's request in giving the money into the general fund. No decision on the differences had been made up to late Monday.

Seeing possible defeat of his measure in the House, when the appropriations bill came up the Lee county Senator again led a fight for increase of the appropriation for education and the appropriation for the public school equalization fund. These measures were pending before the Senate Friday, Saturday and Monday with the oratory of the session being unloosed in their defense and against them. Whatever the outcome the Senator from Lee will go down as the champion of education in the 1925 session.

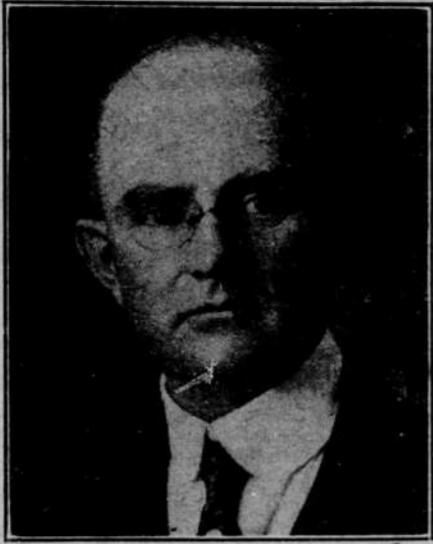
Discussion on the educational system which took place the last part of the week brought forward amendments to the revenue bill to take away the power of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to set the standard for teachers in schools and to fix a salary standard scale. These amendments would drastically cut the powers of the State in education and in the opinion of many would destroy the state educational system. They were pending before the Senate Monday.

Another fight which occupied considerable time was that for Confederate veterans. Both the Senate and House debated at length measures designed to tax auto drivers \$2 to \$3 a head for the benefit of the remaining of "the fast-thinning line of grey" and both bills were defeated after some of the most moving oratory of the session. Then the House humped into the breach and overwhelmingly passed a bill to tax motion picture admissions for the benefit of the veterans and sent it to the Senate where it was on Monday. The chances are that it will die there.

The delay in passing the revenue bill came about when the Senate refused to concur in the conference report which did away with its important amendments. These amendments would have exempted from a tax on judgments and actions in courts all courts of jurisdiction lower than Superior Court. This dispute was finally settled Monday when the House agreed to the Senate amendment.

The bill to retire Treasurer Lacy, if he wished it, at 2-3 pay had rough sailing during the week. After being defeated in the House, that body on Saturday night reconsidered its vote 30 to 33 and set as a special order for reconsideration Monday morning. It was only to finally dispose of it, however, for it was killed and a "clincher" put. The chief argument was that it would set a precedent to pensions for State officials.

To Conduct Class



Rev. J. M. Ormond, a member of Duke University faculty, who will conduct a class in "Pupil Study" in the S. S. Training School.

TRAINING SCHOOL BEGINS HERE SOON

Officers and Teachers in Sunday Schools of The County Are Urged To Enroll

COURSE CHURCH HISTORY

Your last opportunity. What are you going to do with it? The time is Sunday, March 15-18 inclusive. The place is Centenary Methodist church, Smithfield. The occasion is the Standard Training School for Sunday school officers and teachers and all Christian workers. You may be ever so good a teacher, but this course will help you greatly. Every class is to be taught by a specialist in his or her respective department. Quite a number have already enrolled. Be sure to join, and do so at once. This very minute, sign an enrollment card and send it to Mr. T. C. Young, Smithfield. It does not make any difference to what evangelical denomination you belong, you are cordially invited, and we assure you that a hearty welcome awaits you by both church and town. The first lesson Sunday at three o'clock in the afternoon. May we look for you?

In connection with the standard training school for Sunday school officers and teachers which begins its first session in the Methodist church in Smithfield at three o'clock Sunday afternoon, March 15, will be given a course in Church History," by Rev. M. T. Plyler, presiding elder of the district.

If you are not taking one of the other courses, be sure to take this one. It will be a splendid opportunity for you to learn some things you do not know about the M. E. church. Don't miss it.

INTEREST CENTERS IN PINK ROSE TRIAL

During the first week of Superior Criminal Court which convened here on March 2, several cases of minor importance were disposed of and at the end of the week the court was up with the docket.

The second week opened with cases of minor importance, a number of cases being tried each day, until Wednesday, when the case of State vs Raymond Stephenson charged with reckless driving of an automobile in the town of Smithfield on the night of December 15, when Millie Sanders, colored, was hurt, her injuries resulting in partial insanity, went to trial. This case was appealed from the Recorder's Court, and after a hearing consuming the entire morning, Stephenson was acquitted.

On Wednesday afternoon, the trial of State vs Pink Rose, a white man of Wayne County, and Leslie Simmons, a colored man also of Wayne, was commenced. These men went to trial charged with a secret assault on the night of December 17 in which guns were used on Allen Howell, of Bentonsville Township, Johnston County. No other trial coming before the Court at this term has attracted so much interest. Several witnesses, from both Wayne and Johnston counties are connected with the case.

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LET CONTRACT FOR MEADOW BUILDING

Will Cost All Told Something Over \$68,000; Expect It To Be Ready For Use By October 10.

ELECT CO. SUPT. IN APRIL

On Tuesday, March 10, the Board of County Commissioners, including the following members: J. W. Jones, Ch., A. B. Hocutt, W. T. Lee, L. E. Barbour, A. H. Morgan, constituting a full Board, met with the Board of Education, including the following members: W. G. Wilson, Ch., Geo. F. Woodard and P. B. Johnson, constituting a full Board, for the purpose of opening bids for the construction of the building in Meadow School District according to the agreement reached by the two Boards at their meeting on January 5th, 1925.

It appearing to the Boards that the bid of Reinecke Construction Company, Fayetteville, N. C., of \$61,250 was the low bid for the general contract, and further that said Reinecke Construction Company agreed to complete the building not later than October 10, 1925, said general contract was ordered awarded to the said Reinecke Construction Company at \$61,250.00.

It appearing to the Boards that the bid of J. L. Powers of Bennettsville, S. C., of \$4,783.00 was the low bid for the heating system, the same was ordered awarded to J. L. Powers.

It further appearing to the Boards that the bid of E. L. Davis & Company of Beaufort of \$2,190.00 for the plumbing in said building was the low bid, same was ordered awarded to him at that figure.

The Board of County Commissioners agreed to become responsible for \$54,000.00 of the cost of the said Meadow School; said money to be secured by the Board of Commissioners from the Third Special Building Fund provided by the State, or in any other manner considered most advantageous by the Board of County Commissioners.

It appeared to the Boards that the operation of the school trucks to date had cost the county \$14,662.99, and further that there was only \$13,000 of this provided in the school budget for operation of trucks; therefore, the Boards ordered that all trucks be discontinued unless the districts which the trucks served, either by transporting the children into said districts or from said districts agree and authorize the Board of Education to charge against the special tax of said district, or districts, such amount as shall be necessary for the operation of the trucks for the remainder of the school term, or any part of the remaining of said school term, in said district or districts.

The Boards further ordered that copies of this order be given to all the school committeemen by the Secretaries of the respective Boards.

The Board of Education then met alone and transacted the following business:

Ordered that the superintendent proceed to get at once a site for the erection of the Meadow School Building.

Ordered that notice of election of Superintendent for the ensuing two years, same to be held on the first Monday in April or as soon thereafter as convenient, be given in accordance with Section 43 of the School Law.

DOCK HILL UNDER A \$20,000 BOND

Dock Hill, who gave himself up to the officers after the killing of Sam Barbour and the wounding of Hyman Dodd in Clayton township Sunday night, was given a hearing here Tuesday afternoon before Judge Bond. He was released under a \$20,000 bond for his appearance at the August term of criminal court.

One thing you can say of the fiver: It rattles before it strikes.—Arkansas Gazette.

MEADOW ORGANIZES A COMMUNITY CLUB

W. V. Blackman Is Made Chairman With Representative Men and Women of Community on Committees

MEETS ONCE A MONTH

What promises to be one of the most active community clubs in Johnston County, or the state, was organized in Meadow township recently. Those interested in the organization of a community club gathered at the school house and were entertained by a well-arranged program given by the Meadow high school and faculty, after which the organization proceeded. Mr. W. V. Blackman was made temporary chairman and Mrs. Mosely, principal of the school, secretary. Qualifications necessary for membership in a community club were first discussed. The following requisites were presented and approved: loyal support to our flag; resident of Meadow township; must believe in community development, and be a friend to educational advancement. A name for the club was then decided on and after some few names were submitted, "Meadow Community Club" was unanimously chosen.

At this point it was decided to perpetuate a permanent organization and the following officers were elected: W. V. Blackman, chairman; Miss Lillian Mashburn, secretary. Miss Mashburn to be assisted by Mrs. Verta Lawhon. It was decided that the chairman and secretary, together with others whom they might call to their assistance, make the appointments of the various committees to carry on the club work. This committee met on Thursday night, and made the following appointments: Committee on agriculture: G. R. Johnson, T. J. Mashburn, T. L. Hudson, R. P. Parker, Elijah Wheeler, J. H. Smith and Ellington Tart.

Committee on home economics: Mrs. J. L. Lee, Miss Bertha Johnson, Mrs. Vida Hood, Mrs. Royall Hudson, Mrs. Geo. W. Lee, Mrs. J. H. Smith, and Miss Bertha Parker.

Committee on health and sanitation: Dr. M. L. Barefoot, Carlyle Eldridge, Y. L. Blackman, J. Mancy Johnson, Fernie Wood, J. L. Lee, and D. C. Smith.

Committee on welfare: Mrs. Letha Pinton, Mrs. W. V. Blackman, Mrs. Hobart Lee, Mrs. Ezra Peacock, and Mrs. H. C. Lee.

Committee on entertainments: Miss Katie Hudson, Mrs. R. E. Mosely, Mr. Elmon Smith, Miss Ellis, Miss Mamie Johnson, Miss Vada Lawhon, Miss Myrtle Wood, Mrs. Hobart Lee and Miss Myrtle Blackman.

There is some discussion among the builders of the club as to appointing committees on education, roads and order, to work together with the various committees in the school, for roads, and with the civil officers in the township. The various committees are requested to meet at Meadow school house on Saturday evening, March 21, to organize, begin their work and be ready to report at the regular meeting which is to be held the last Thursday night in each month.

COATS HDW. ROBBED LAST FRIDAY NIGHT

What still remains a most mysterious robbery took place here last Friday night, when the safe of the Coates Hdw. Co. was entered and relieved of about \$1200 in money and other valuables. The proprietors left the store about their usual time on Friday night, and upon returning to open up Saturday morning, found everything as usual, the doors locked and barred, until they went to open the safe for the day's business. They found they could not open the safe. The combination refused to work until an expert was sent for who opened it. Drawers had been torn out and a saw driver apparently taken from the stock of hardware, was found left in the safe.

Field Secretary



L. L. Gobbell, S. S. Field Secretary N. C. Conference, who will conduct one of the courses in the S. S. Training School here next week.

PARENT TEACHER ASSN. HOLDS MEET

Mrs. E. H. Kasey Is Elected President For Coming Year; Other Officers Chosen

DISCUSS ORGANIZED PLAY

The Parent-Teacher Association held its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon in the high school auditorium there being between forty and fifty members present. The children of the Primary department gave a very delightful program, consisting of songs, plays and readings, before the business session of the association.

Featuring the business session was a discussion of organized play, Supt. Franks and Dr. L. D. Wharton making talk. Mr. Franks had written to fifty of the leading superintendents in North Carolina in regard to separating the boys and girls on the playground and gave a summary of the information received from the forty-eight schools that responded. This information disclosed the fact that the majority did not separate the children. Dr. Wharton expressed his views upon play ground supervision, stating that he thought that teachers should be on the playground to look after the boys and girls during playtime whether organized play is conducted or not.

After these talks, the report of the nominating committee was given and the election of officers for next year took place as follows: Mrs. P. H. Kasey, president; Mrs. L. T. Royall, vice-president; Mrs. G. A. McLemore, recording secretary; Mrs. S. L. Morgan, corresponding secretary; Mrs. L. G. Stevens, treasurer.

The constitution was amended at this meeting making the committee on Morals a permanent committee.

STILL CAPTURED NEAR HOLT LAKE

Yesterday morning revenue officers captured a thirty-gallon copper whiskey still and outfit near Holt Lake. No one was at the still and no arrests were made.

TO SELECT BABIES IN SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP

Miss Ava Myatt, chairman of the Eastern Carolina Exposition Baby Show committee for Smithfield township, requests that the representatives for this township will be selected on Friday afternoon, March 20. Parents wishing to enter their children are requested to send the names, ages and birth certificates to Miss Myatt by that time. The preliminary contest will be held at 2:30 in the high school auditorium and out of the township, judges will choose the prettiest girl baby and the handsomest boy baby. The babies must be between the ages of eighteen and thirty-six months.

SPECIAL SESSION CO. COMMISSIONERS

Transact Routine Business Before Joint Meeting With Co. Board of Education

ACTION FOR SCHOOL FUNDS

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session here last Tuesday. Part of the day was spent in a joint session with the Board of Education but the following items of business were transacted in a meeting held before the two boards came together.

That whereas section 5,417 of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina is as follows:

"5417. Powers; suits and actions. I. The County board of education shall institute all actions, suits or proceedings against officers, persons or corporations, or their sureties, for the recovery, preservation and application of all moneys or property which may be due to or should be applied to the support and maintenance of the schools except in the case of a breach of his bond by the treasurer of the county school fund, in which case action shall be brought by the county commissioners as is hereafter provided."

Now, therefore, be it resolved that it is the sense of the board of County Commissioners of Johnston County that in view of the amount of indebtedness incurred on account of the school system of the county that the said County Board of Education of Johnston Co. should forthwith take proper steps to collect the amount due by the estate and the bond of the late W. S. Stevens, clerk of the Superior Court of Johnston County, as shown by A. M. Pullen & Co., Auditors, for the benefit of the school funds.

J. W. JONES,
Chairman Board Co. Commissioners.
M. L. STANCLIL,
Secretary.

Ordered that Monroe Atkinson, colored, 82 years old, living in Boon Hill Township, be placed on the outside pauper list at \$4.50 per quarter to be in effect on and after December 1, 1924, it appearing that a similar order was made by this board on December 1, 1924, but no record was made of the said order.

Ordered that Luners Strickland be made Bridge Commissioner of O'Neal's Township.

Ordered that Monroe Adams be made Bridge Commissioner of Banner Township to succeed J. A. Beasley, who has moved out of the State.

Ordered that H. L. Skinner be allowed to list 156 acres of land in Clayton Township at \$7,067 for 1924, which was not listed for that year at all, same being listed in 1923 at \$8,067, and in 1922 at \$7,067.

Ordered that Miss Carrie Speight be paid 69.25 for services as court stenographer.

Ordered that G. S. Heywood be paid \$62.55 for helping audit sheriff's books—W. J. Massey's term.

Report of County Treasurer for month of December filed with the Board and ordered recorded.

Report of County Treasurer for month of January filed with the Board and ordered recorded.

Ordered that 32 acres of land belonging to Libby Lee in Ingrams Township which is valued at \$2580 by mistake in listing at \$1580.

Ordered that Johnston County Health Department appropriation for February be \$268.33, \$158.33 to C. C. Massey, Health officer, and the balance of \$50 to go into a fund known as the County Health Fund.

Ordered that the following be certified by this Board as registrars and poll holders for the town of Clayton in the town election to be held on the first Monday in May, 1925: V. R. Turley, registrar. Otho N. Gully and Neil Barnes, poll holders.

Ordered that R. L. Fitzgerald, J. P. Parker, J. D. Parker and Mr. Miller, attorney for A. M. Pullen Auditing Co., work in conjunction in preparing a system of preparing the tax lists of Johnston County of the 1925 taxes.

It is called a wave of prosperity. Waves, as you know, affect only those at the top.—Lincoln Star.