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County Boards Provide Free Hi School Instruction

Situation Is Thoroughly Canvassed in Mass Meeting Held With Joint Boards Here Last Friday.

TAKE OVER DEBT

The mass meeting called for last Friday afternoon by some of the citizens of the county to present the matter of high school instruction in some districts where it was available before the joint boards of county commissioners and education, resulted in the opening of all the county schools exclusive of the special chartered schools to high school students with free tuition for six months. The county commissioners agreed to take over the bonded indebtedness of all the county schools and in consideration of which these schools will take in any and all pupils directed by the board of education to attend those schools. According to figures compiled by County Superintendent H. B. Marrow, \$26,000 will be required to make this step possible. The districts, however, will pay half of this amount for 1925-26. Afterwards the county pays the entire amount. This move will not increase this year's tax levy.

Opening the county schools to these high school pupils does not guarantee transportation. Trucks will be operated for consolidated districts as already planned, and if any outside these districts are in reach of the trucks and there is room on the trucks for them, no objection will be made to their riding on the trucks to school.

The eight months schools will open on October 7, and the tuition for the first six months will be free for those pupils not residing inside the districts. The tuition for the other two months will be paid by the individual.

The meeting Friday afternoon was called to order by A. M. Johnson, who was elected temporary chairman. He stated the purpose of the meeting, charging the county board of education, the county commissioners and the county superintendent of schools with not providing high school instruction for some of the boys and girls of the county. One after another representing school districts from different parts of the county stated the situation in their district. The law was read which stated that instruction must be provided for pupils between the ages of six and twenty-one free of charge. Among those who had something to say during the afternoon were: A. G. Powell, Smithfield, Route 2; M. C. Hooks, Keely; J. W. Barnes, Creech; J. H. Franks and George Wright, Shiloh; W. D. Avera, Smithfield, R. F. D.; J. C. Stancil, Smithfield; W. H. Upchurch, New Hope (Bentonville) and Mr. Parker of Corbett-Hatcher. Two attorneys had been employed, W. H. Lyon, who spoke for Yelvington Grove district, and A. M. Noble, who represented citizens of the Shiloh district. The board of education had not a word to say, but sat in stolid silence while County Superintendent H. B. Marrow answered the questions that were put to him. Mr. J. D. Parker, county attorney, spoke for the board of county commissioners, although at times members of that board entered the discussion.

County Attorney Parker made the statement that there was no politics in this situation. He said that if the Republican party expected to make a mark, it could not do it by hindering the educational program. He called attention to the fact that the board of education laid plans for high school instruction for a number of the cases now in question through the proposed Northeastern Special Taxing School District which the people of that district voted down. He took the position that they should not now blame the county. He reminded those present that the board had approved an appropriation of \$308,466.06, more than the appropriation for the previous year. He stated that the

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A GOOD SERMON AT M. E. CHURCH

Miss Frances White Takes Charge of Music at the Methodist Church During Next Few Months

BIG CONGREGATION

"We sometimes talk about the 'good old days of long ago,' as if there were a golden age somewhere in the past when the church was not troubled sin," declared Rev. A. J. Parker in his sermon at the Methodist church Sunday morning. "Really there never was a time when the church did not have to fight for her very existence. She has won the fight thus far and will continue to do so until the end of time. The gates of hell shall not prevail against her."

Mr. Parker used as a text the following words from Titus 2:14—"Who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people zealous of good works." He did not complete his sermon at the morning hour and continued his line of thought at the evening hour. He discussed the text under several divisions. He recounted Christ's mission on earth—the redemption of the human race. This redemption gave a standard by which to measure human life. Man must measure his thoughts and actions not by his own ideas but by God's word. God is the judge. He brought out the thought that His followers must be a peculiar people, unlike any others in their dealings and living. Not only are His people peculiar but they are zealous of good works. To be of service in His army, our lives must be in harmony with His life and spirit. His people must be a sacrificing people, a self denying people.

The congregation both morning and evening were large. There was no other service in town Sunday evening, and the crowd was unusually large.

Splendid music characterized both services. At the morning hour the choir rendered a beautiful anthem at the opening of the service. While the offering was being taken Miss Frances White sang a solo. At the evening hour Miss White and Mr. Marvin Woodall sang a duet. Miss White has taken charge of the music for the Methodist Sunday school and church for the nine months she will be here as a member of the graded school faculty. Mr. I. W. Medlin, chairman of the music committee, in the closing exercises of the Sunday school, stated that during these months special emphasis would be laid upon this phase of worship, and called on everybody to cooperate in having some soul-stirring music.

Protests At Condition Of Son's Remains

Venice, Ills., Sept. 7.—Howard W. Spartley, father of William H. Spratley, 26-year-old mechanic killed when the Shenandoah was wrecked over Ohio, has telegraphed Secretary Wilbur protesting against the condition in which the body of his son was received and the lack of an escort. Spratley said that the body was sent with express charges collect on delivery, reposed on excelsior in a casket that resembled a wooden box, and was only partly clothed and improperly embalmed.

Good Meeting at Sardis

Rev. Jas. W. Rose was in town yesterday and gave a good report of the revival meeting now in progress at Sardis Baptist church. Rev. C. H. Cashwell of Selma, is doing the preaching, and the interest is fine. A large crowd was present Sunday night and four joined the church. The meeting began last Friday night and will continue until next Friday night. The day service is held each morning at eleven o'clock.

Swims "U. S. Channel"



Lillian Cannon of Baltimore, starting from Washington, swam Chesapeake Bay—24 miles in 11 hours, combatting strong winds and tide. George Lake started with her but was forced to give up. Lillian is the first woman to swim the

BOYS AND GIRLS IN 16 COLLEGES

Smithfield Furnishes Students For Number of Colleges and Schools in Five States.

GOOD SHOWING

With the arrival of fall comes the annual dispersion of the college students, this year finding the Smithfield boys and girls scattered over five states and among sixteen colleges and prep schools. Almost every day from now till the last college opening—that of Duke University on September 21—will find fond family groups gathered at depot or bus station to bid their young hopefuls farewell. And not till the far-away Christmas holidays will the twenty-nine boys and girls be all back in Smithfield together, though frequently the town will be enlivened by the presence of a few of the "rah, rah" boys and girls.

North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro will claim more of the town's young people than that of any other college or university, seven of the local girls entering or re-entering that institution. They are: Misses Elizabeth Young, Sarah Patterson, Ruth Brooks, Edna Coates, Mary Ellington, Carrie Parrish and Carrie Young and Cornelia Powell.

The number of students entering the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is second, the following boys matriculating: Edward Patterson, Frank Skinner, Norwood Holland, Marvin Woodall and Lawrence Wallace.

There are four schools of the state that will have a pair each of the Smithfield boys or girls, Wake Forest, Duke University, Davidson, Salem, and Meredith while North Carolina State at Raleigh will secure three boys in Willard Lawrence, Lawrence Stancil and William Booker.

Joe Ellington and Frederick Brooks will both be back at Wake Forest, Brooks attending the Law School for the second and final year, while Ellington will graduate from the college with an A. B. degree.

Misses Ava Wellons and Rose Grantham will be at Salem College in Winston-Salem, for their second and first years respectively.

Misses Mattie Lassiter and Sarah Adams both entered the freshman class of Meredith College in Raleigh this fall.

Duke University at Durham will again have Miss Jane Avera and Edgar Watson, while Miss Mary Avera, who has completed two years work at Duke will enter a business school in Raleigh. Edgar Watson is in his last year at the Duke Law school. Worth Boyett will enter Duke for his first year.

At Davidson will be Donnell and Gilmer Wharton, in the junior and

MAD CAT BITES MRS. B. A. HENRY

Mad Cat Bit Mrs. Henry On Finger While She Was Dressing Chicken.

Selma, Sept. 12.—Mrs. B. A. Henry was bitten by a mad cat Thursday evening while she was in her back yard dressing a chicken. The kitten had recently taken up at the home and the children had petted it, no one suspecting that it had rabies. It had a running fit a few days ago, but seemed all right afterward. As Mrs. Henry was finishing the dressing of the chicken and was ready to take it in the house, the kitten seized her by one finger and bit into the flesh in two places. The Selma physicians advised them to have the cat killed, Mr. Henry put it in a box and carried it to Raleigh, but it died soon after he got there. An examination showed that it had hydrophobia.

Her many friends through Eastern North Carolina were gratified to learn that Mrs. S. E. Leonard underwent a very successful operation at St. Luke's hospital, Richmond, Thursday evening and is resting comfortably.

DROUGHT BROKEN

Cooling showers descended upon various sections of North Carolina Thursday night and broke one of the longest, hottest, driest spells that the state has experienced in years. Thursday was the 10th consecutive day that the temperature in Greensboro had risen above 92 and during that period it has reached 100 degrees twice and went over 95 several times.

The rain seemed to be fairly general over the state and was accompanied in many places by electrical storms. The telephone lines were out of commission in many sections and at the office of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company here, it was necessary to put on an emergency squad. The Western Union office reported much trouble on the lines between Greensboro and Charlotte and it was thought at one time that possibly poles had been blown down. Considerable difficulty was experienced in sending messages to Richmond, Va., this being attributed to storms along the line. —Greensboro News.

Judge Hoke Dies Very Suddenly At Raleigh

Judge William A. Hoke, former Chief Justice of North Carolina Supreme Court, died suddenly at Rex Hospital Sunday morning. Judge Hoke was operated on for goiter Wednesday, September 2, and had apparently entirely recovered from the operation. He was about to be discharged from the hospital. Death came without warning as he chatted with his nurse and the hospital interne. Judge Hoke was seventy-three years old and had served on the bench for thirty-four years. He retired voluntarily last March on account of his health and was succeeded by Chief Justice Walter P. Stacy.

A total of 628 children have registered in the various grades of the school here during the past four days. There are 178 in high school, 241 in the grammar grades and 209 in the primary department.

Other students entering or already entered in the colleges and prep schools are: Miss Pauline Broadhurst at Peace Institute, Raleigh; Miss Irene Page Stevens at Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C.; Miss Arah Hooks at Bristol, Va.-Tenn.; Miss Marjorie Johnston and Miss Rachel Creech at Louisville College at Louisville, N. C.; Mr. Morgan Bradhurst at Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, Va.; Hugh Ragsdale at Fishburne Military School in Va.; James Kirkman and Bill Hooks at Oak Ridge.

Henry Royall, a recent graduate of Smithfield High School, has already entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Wreck of the Shenandoah



Above, a nose view of the ill-fated Shenandoah, in the field where it fell near Ava, Ohio. This picture was taken after souvenir hunter had almost stripped the craft. Only a great mass of twisted steel remains of America's "Queen of the Air." Below—fourteen bodies of those who died in the crash.

Smithfield Furnishes Teachers for Colleges

The opening of the universities and colleges of the South finds four graduates of Smithfield High School holding positions on the faculty of as many schools. Two of these are taking up college work for the first time.

Mr. Albert Coates will return to the University of North Carolina where he has held a position on the faculty for the past year. Mr. Coates is one of the foremost of the many graduates of old Turlington Graded School, now Smithfield High School. He is also a graduate of the University of North Carolina and of the Harvard Law School at Cambridge, Mass.

Mr. Benton Wharton, who graduated from Smithfield High School in 1921 and from Davidson College last spring, will be a member of the English department of the faculty of the Georgia School of Technology, (G. Tech.) at Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Dora Coates, after several years of teaching in the public schools of North Carolina, will return to Eastern Carolina Training School at Greenville, where she held a position on the faculty.

Miss Maud Cotton, who was a member of the class of 1921 at Smithfield, will return to her alma mater—Greensboro College for Women at Greensboro—where she will be employed in the music department. Miss Cotton graduated the past spring at Greensboro.

Johnston County Girls Enter Contest

Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, the county home agent, attended the first elimination contest of the Eastern District held in Goldsboro last Saturday. Miss Garrison accompanied Misses Leafy Stancil and Roberta Penny, who compose the Health Team from Johnston county competing in the district contest. Four counties, Wayne, Sampson, Edgecombe and Johnston contested Saturday and there will be two more contests in the district before it will be known who will represent the district at the State Fair this year. Misses Stancil and Penny gave a demonstration of a well-balanced school lunch, and the girls are reported to have acquitted themselves well.

TOBACCO CO-OP GETS GOOD ADVANCES

Mr. Ellington Tart of Benson, Route 2, delivered 380 pounds of tobacco to the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association warehouse here yesterday and received a check for \$98.28, the first advance, an average of \$25.86 per hundred.

MEADOW FAIR ON OCTOBER NINTH

Speaking, Games, Radio Concert and Community Singing Expected to Be Features at Fair.

PREMIUM LISTS OUT

Meadow township is to have a fair on October 9. The committee has had printed a most attractive fair premium list which contains all the details of the prizes as well as a number of advertisements from merchants in Duan, Smithfield, Benson, Four Oaks and Meadow.

Mr. J. L. Lee is president of the fair organization; Mrs. L. G. Flowers, vice president; W. V. Blackman, secretary-treasurer, and Miss Lillian Marshburn, assistant secretary-treasurer. The advisory committee is composed of T. L. Hudson, T. J. Marshburn, J. B. Godwin, Mrs. Ezra Peacock and Mrs. Hobart Lee. The fair is organized along the general lines of state and county fairs with the following departments: farm and field crops in the hands of Messrs. Ellington Tart, J. M. Johnson and G. R. Jernigan; horticulture, L. A. Johnson, D. C. Smith and J. T. Lee; livestock, J. L. Lee, John W. Wood and J. C. Johnson; apiary products, Leon Parker and J. S. Holder; home economics, Mrs. G. R. Johnson and Mrs. Ezra Peacock; canned products, Mrs. Iris Lee, Mrs. J. H. Smith and Mrs. J. T. Lee; pantry supplies, Mrs. L. A. Johnson, Mrs. Minnie Barefoot and Mrs. L. D. Hinton; needlework Mrs. J. L. Lee and Mrs. A. L. Rose; flowers, Mrs. Jasper Lee and Miss Bertha Johnson; curios and relics, J. T. Marshburn and E. G. Blackman.

There will be a junior department in which premiums of equal value will be given to all under sixteen years of age. Mr. Elmond Smith and Miss Lillian Marshburn will have charge of this department.

The program committee is composed of Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, county home agent, Miss Mary E. Wells, rural supervisor of schools, Miss Ludie Lee and Miss Ada Barefoot. Speaking, games a radio concert and community singing are expected to be features of the program.

Meadow township invites neighboring communities to exhibit at their fair. All they ask is that the field and garden crops must be grown by the exhibitors, livestock owned by the exhibitors at least thirty days prior to the fair, and all handwork must be work of the exhibitors. The exhibits will be judged by competent judges.

No admission will be charged to the Meadow township fair and a large crowd is expected to come together on October 9 for a profitable day.

Whiskey Cause Arrests of Three Men Here

Chief C. R. Cable and William Parker arrested three men near Buffalo, a short distance from the city Saturday afternoon, charged with violating the prohibition law. Suspicion on previous occasions caused the officers to be on the lookout and Saturday afternoon two and a half gallons of whiskey were found hidden in the bushes. The men arrested were W. R. Hughes, C. W. Carter and William Whitley, all of whom live near Selma. A pistol was found in the car of W. R. Hughes. The men were placed under bond for their appearance in Recorder's Court.

Family Reunion Next Sunday

There will be a family reunion at the home of J. Ruffin Johnson next Sunday September 20. Relatives and friends of both Mr. Johnson and with are invited to come and bring well filled baskets. Preaching and good singing are also expected.

J. RUFFIN JOHNSON.

Farmers' minds as well as their fields suffer from lack of attention.

In the dictionary of successful farming soil-building is the biggest word.

GOVERNOR PLANS CUT IN SALARIES

Expects to Save Much in Salary of New Employees; Judge Finley to Try W. B. Cole.

OTHER STATE NEWS

By M. L. SHIPMAN

Raleigh, Sept. 14.—The continued heat wave in the Capital which broke records standing a quarter of a century, the unflinching energy of Governor McLean in putting into effect his policies, interest in the American Legion election comment on the latest statement on the deficit by ex-Governor Morison, the opening of all educational institutions of Raleigh and a renewal of the "mad dog" scare were matters which engaged interest of Capital citizens during the past week. In addition there were a number of comparatively minor matters which were in the limelight for a brief moment each day. Governor McLean in addition to working zealously at the Capital also attended to a host of minor matters. Interest was aroused Friday night in the appointment of the judge to preside over the trial of W. B. Cole at Rockingham.

For three days last week, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Governor McLean was closeted at the mansion and orders were that he was not to be disturbed on any account. Newspapers were unable to see him during that time and at the same periods Secretary Sink of the Salary and Wage Commission was at the mansion. The report was that the two were going over the final report of the Salary and Wage Commission, created as a part of the McLean legislative program by the 1925 General Assembly. Thursday night the Governor labored until the "wee sma' hours" of Friday on the matter in hand. It is expected that he will announce the wage scales during the coming week after another meeting of the Salary and Wage Commission. Prediction in well informed circles was that the Commission and the Governor have no intention of visiting salary reductions upon any large portion of present state employees. Where the Wage Commission will get in its effective work will be when new employees are hired. These will come in a number of instances at a lower rate and an eventual saving in salaries of many thousands is predicted.

Raleigh's torrid weather has continued and all reports since 1900 were broken on Saturday when the 55th consecutive day with a temperature above 90 degrees was recorded. Previously the record had been 54 days in 1900. Though showers were expected, the rain which visited the western part of the state during the end of the week did not reach Raleigh. The local rainfall is about 12 inches less than normal for 1925.

Governor McLean has appointed Judge T. B. Finley to try W. B. Cole on September 28 for the murder of W. W. Ormond at Rockingham. The plea of the wealthy manufacturer has not been made public although self defense is surmised.

The election of Henry L. Stevens, Jr., as commander of the American Legion split defeat for Colonel J. Hall Manning of Raleigh who was a candidate for the office. Manning last year was accused of carrying the Legion into politics in his efforts to elect Frank D. Grist as Commissioner of Labor and Printing. The situation brought about split the Raleigh post and is believed locally to have been the cause of Manning's defeat.

Two more children were bitten by mad dogs in Raleigh and renewed care was taken by authorities; Governor McLean urged additional landing fields for North Carolina in the development of aviation; the cooperation of Raleigh was pledged in the deepening of the Neuse so as to open it to commerce; the state instituted civil suit against ice dealers of Raleigh charged with violation of the trade combination restraint law, the lat-

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